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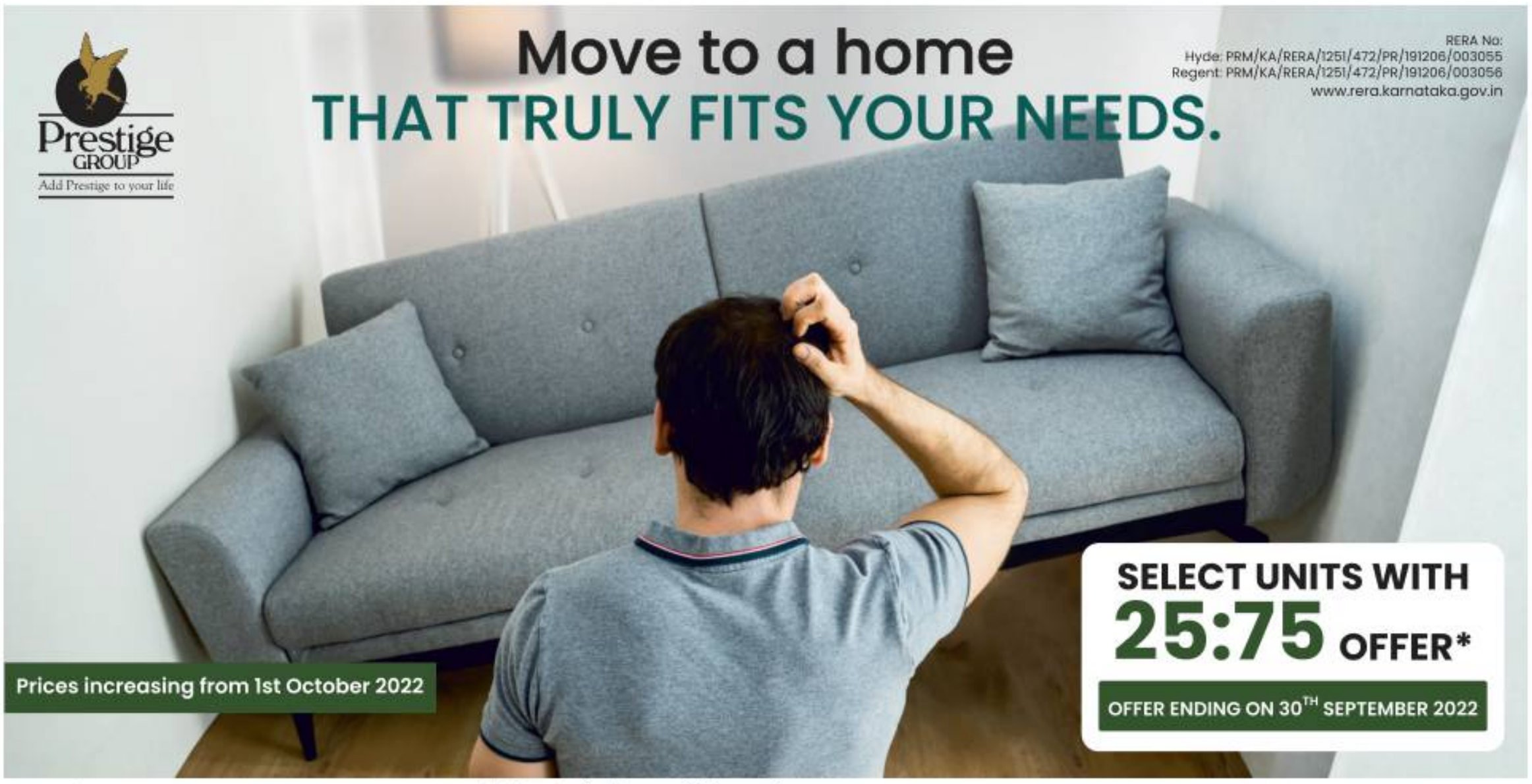

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Sonia will pick my successor: Gehlot

Rajasthan Chief Minister announces his candidature for the Congress presidential election, says 'one man, one post' debate unnecessary

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The debate on 'one man, one post' is unnecessary, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said on Friday as he formally announced his candidature for the Congress presidential election since "nobody from the Gandhi family is contesting".

Mr. Gehlot said the decision on finding his successor to head the Rajasthan government would be taken by party president Sonia Gandhi and Congress's Rajasthan in-charge Ajay Maken.

The Congress leader said once the presidential contest was over, all the leaders would work together to strengthen the party. "Given the situation in the country today, it's important for the Opposition to become strong and I won't spare any effort in trying to do so. I would want that all our Congress colleagues, even those who are contesting election, work together to strengthen the party organisation at the block level, village, district and at the State level on the basis of our ideology," he said.

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> ASHOK GEHLOT
> Congress leader

Mr. Gehlot's message can be interpreted as an attempt to reach out to Shashi Tharoor, the Lok Sabha member from Thiruvananthapuram, who is expected to be his main rival in the presidential race.

Speaking to reporters at the Sai Baba temple in Shirdi, Mr. Gehlot said his statements on wanting to serve the people of Rajasthan were being interpreted in different ways. "This debate is unnecessary. I have remained silent."

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Coming soon: relief from fraud, spam calls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a move that could offer mobile phone users a big relief from spam calls and fraudulent messages, the government has proposed to make it mandatory that the identity of a person sending a message or calling should be visible to the receiver irrespective of the platform used for communication.

"All of you know that there has been a rise in cases where people get a call saying I am calling from XYZ bank seeking financial details leading to fraud... or you get threats from unknown numbers... so we have introduced a lot of points for user protection and to prevent cyber-fraud...," Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Friday.

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Lessons by some writers not to be taught

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Public Instruction issued a circular on Friday directing schools not to teach a total of seven lessons, whose authors have withdrawn permission for its inclusion in the revised textbooks. They had withdrawn the nod to include their works in the newly revised textbooks, taking exception to what they termed "saffronisation" of textbooks.

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SC stays probe against BSY

NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Lokayukta probe against former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

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U5MR: State sees five-point decline

BENGALURU
Karnataka has recorded a five-point decline in under-five mortality rate (U5MR), from 26 per 1,000 live births in 2019 to 21 in 2020. Karnataka is among 11 States that have attained the SDG-3 target.

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CET: HC allows govt. to act on experts' report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the litigant CET 2022 repeaters consenting for 'normalisation' of their II PU marks of 2021 based on a methodology suggested by a committee of experts, the High Court of Karnataka on Friday permitted the State and the KEA to go ahead with the process of assigning CET 2022 ranks afresh after 'normalisation' of the marks of repeaters, who had passed second PU in 2021.

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Campaign against CM

Taking it forward: Congress leaders D.K. Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah, M.B. Patil, and Randeep Singh Surjewala pasting a 'PayCM' poster on a wall on Racecourse Road in Bengaluru on Friday. The leaders and several party workers were later taken into preventive custody. SUDHAKARA JAIN (REPORT ON PAGE 8)

'Naada Geete' to be sung in the tune composed by Ananthaswamy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After years of debate, the State government finally passed an order on Friday declaring that the 'Naada Geete' (State anthem) should be sung in the tune composed by the late Mysore Ananthaswamy, in keeping with the recommendation of the H.R. Leelavathi Committee. The order also says that the anthem should be sung within the time limit of two minutes and 30 seconds without any repetitions or *aalapas*.

"The anthem Jaya Bharatha Jananiya Thanujaathe, which was penned by Rashtra Kavi Kuvempu, will be sung without omitting a single letter in the way it was composed by Mysore Ananthaswamy," said Sunil Kumar, Minister of Kannada and Culture. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai also confirmed the same in a tweet.

After years of debate, the State government finally passed the order on Naada Geete on Friday. FILE PHOTO

The move has been lauded by several Kannada activists as well as those in the musical fraternity.

The style and the time limit to sing the anthem had been a matter of contention since 2005 as there were no proper guidelines around it.

With no prescribed style, varied compositions were being sung on different occasions.

With many taking seven to eight minutes to sing it, several physically challenged people and those with weaker physical strength had said that it was inconvenient to stand for so long.

The 18-member H.R. Leelavathi committee had concluded that the anthem could be sung within the prescribed time limit in the tune composed by Mysore Ananthaswamy.

Order also says that the State anthem should be sung within the time limit of two minutes and 30 seconds

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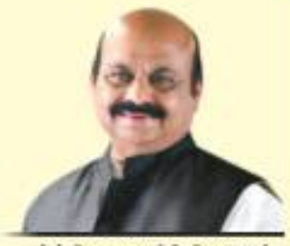

Sri. Basavaraj S. Bommai
Honble Chief Minister

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- Application should be submitted through online at **sw.kar.nic.in**

Instruction
There is no any letter correspondence regarding Entrance Exam date, Admission ticket, selection of training institute and counseling details. The candidates should follow **sw.kar.nic.in** for further information until selection for training.

Hon'ble Social Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare Department Minister **Shri Kota Srinivasa Pujari** participating in the departmental program.

Hon'ble Scheduled Tribes Welfare and Transport Minister **Shri B. Sriramulu**, participating in the departmental program.

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Triple jump's band of brothers dares to dream

Eldhose Paul, Abdulla Aboobacker, Praveen Chithravel and Karthik Unnikrishnan have raised their level and given Indian athletics new hope. With greater support and international exposure, they will have the platform to show that the CWG success wasn't a one-off

Stan Rayan

Eldhose Paul used to be a decent cricketer. A fast-bowler, he played college-level tournaments.

"Whenever I got time after my athletics workouts, I used to play cricket for my college team, I've played for MA College [at Kothamangalam, Ernakulam] in MG University events too," says the 25-year-old.

"But there was nobody to guide me about how to go about cricket, to do proper workouts. And cricket is an expensive sport."

Perhaps it is for the best that Paul did not get swept away by the cricket wave. For the young man has made history in another sport, the triple jump.

Paul finished ninth at the World Athletics Championships in Oregon (USA) in late July and last month became the first Indian triple jumper to win the Commonwealth Games gold, in Birmingham. The joy was doubled, with his very consistent training-mate Abdulla Aboobacker taking silver. Praveen Chithravel missed the bronze by four centimetres.

The 17m in triple jump used to be a rare thing in Indian athletics. Olympian Renjith Maheswary first entered the elite circle with 17.04m in June 2007 in Guwahati. And before this year, Asian Games gold medallist Arpinder Singh was the last to cross 17m with 17.09 in 2018.

And when former Asian champion Maheswary jumped 17.30m in 2016 (he was fourth in the world list that year) for a new National record in Bengaluru, a month before the Rio Olympics, many rubbed their eyes in disbelief.

> We are almost like brothers, we support each other well and even help out during competitions. So, every day there is some improvement
>
> **ELDHOSE PAUL**
> CWG champion

But 2022 has raised triple jump in India as never before. In a two-month period, May and June, three jumpers – Kerala's Aboobacker (17.19m) and Karthik Unnikrishnan (17.10) and Tamil Nadu's Chithravel (17.18) – breached 17m and grabbed three of the top five rungs in the Indian all-time jumpers' list. And Paul is on the edge of the landmark, in sixth spot with 16.99m.

How did this happen?

"Mainly, it's teamwork. Three of us [Paul, Aboobacker and Unnikrishnan] do our workouts together. All of us are in the same performance range, so there is a strong competitive spirit," says Paul, who despite not having officially crossed 17m (the 17.03 that fetched him the Commonwealth Games gold was wind-aided, +3.1 wind), covered himself in glory this year.

"We are almost like brothers, we support each other well and even help out during competitions. So, every day there is some improvement. If we had been training in different places, perhaps India would not have got such performances from us. And we train under the same coach M. Harikrishnan [at the national camp in Bengaluru; former two-time Worlds silver medallist Yoandri Betanzos of Cuba coaches Chithravel at JSW's Inspire Institute of Sport, Ballari]."

Why have the triple jumpers responded so well to Harikrishnan's methods?

"One, my workouts are suitable for their body, next... their faith in the coach, they blindly believe in me. And third is hard work," says Harikrishnan, who was not sent for the World Championships but coached them online around midnight every day from the national camp.

> Instead of doing competitions here, we should be competing in European meets and try to peak for the majors through those competitions. The more we compete abroad, the better it will be in major meets. In India, we are forced to peak in domestic competition and when we travel abroad, we go down
>
> **ELDHOSE PAUL**

"I'm very lucky to have students like them. And I have another youngster, Gailey Venister from Tamil Nadu, who is also very promising."

Like 2021, which had the Tokyo Olympics, and this year (Worlds and CWG), 2023 too will be very busy, with the Worlds again in Budapest (August), the Asian Games in Hangzhou (Sept-Oct) and the Asian Championships (most probably in Pattaya, July).

With so many majors lined up, Paul feels Maheswary's National record of 17.30m will fall.

National record under threat

"I'm sure one of us will break the National record and the best jump next year could be around 17.40m. The World Championships entry standard (17.20m) is an achievable target. The last two major competitions have given me a big boost for next season. More than happiness, the confidence that big medals bring matter more," says Paul, who was raised by his grandmother in Ramamangalam, a village near Piravom in Ernakulam District, from the age of four after his mother's death.

Harikrishnan feels all three are capable of achieving 17.40m next year. "But there should be no injuries," says the assistant national coach, who like Aboobacker – this year's India No. 1 – is with the Indian Air Force.

"For Eldhose, it will all depend on the technical corrections I'm working on. There was a problem with his running style, he had a throwing-type running style, we changed that. With that, his hop, rebound and 'plant' became set. I will know how much each one can improve once the major corrections are done."

Paul – earlier coached by T.P. Ouseph, who guided former Worlds long jump bronze medallist Anju Bobby George in her early years – is a quick learner.

"He is quick at grasping things. And Abdulla gets nervous fast but if you motivate him, he will get ready quickly. Physically and mentally, each one is a different make. Karthik has just a motivation problem but he is very mature," says Harikrishnan.

"Karthik can do a lot better, he should have crossed 17.10 much earlier. In my plan, he should be jumping 17.35 to 17.40 in 2023. And in 2024, around 17.55 to 17.60."

And Harikrishnan explains the trick that helped Aboobacker grab the silver in Birmingham.

"I could not go for the Commonwealth Games and when I saw that Abdulla was fourth after four jumps, I realised he was in a sort of silent mode. I knew I had to get him worked up to produce a good jump.

"I told [long jumper Muhammed] Anees to carry his mobile and put it on loudspeaker mode so that he could hear it. I told Abdulla, 'Abdu consider you are a mad man...jump like a mad man, think you are a *vattan*, a *pranthan* (mad man). Don't think about your technique. And have the entire stadium in your grip. Clap and only when you feel motivated, do the jump.' And he did it!" says the coach.

Sense of unease

Despite the historic Birmingham performance, there is a sense of unease among the triple jumpers. Six months ago, the Athletics Federation of India brought in Russian Denis Kapustin, the 2000 Sydney Olympics bronze medallist, as the head coach for horizontal jumps. The jumpers are worried about the transition when the camp resumes for next year.

"Both Kapustin and Harikrishnan should decide the workouts together, if there is a sudden change our body will take some time to adapt. Gradually, both their workouts should merge...I think that will be the plan going forward," says Paul.

The possible logistical issues for Kapustin, after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, are also something that must be considered. The triple jumpers were without a coach at the Worlds and CWG as Kapustin could not get visas and there is a feeling it could trouble them next year too.

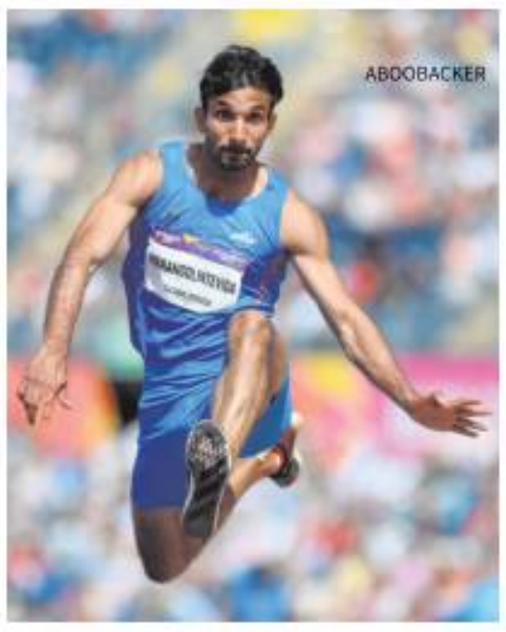
Paul feels that competing in Europe next year will give the triple jumpers a big boost.

"The climate there is different, we should get used to it...instead of doing competitions here, we should be competing in European meets and try to peak for the majors through those competitions," he says.

"We should also try to qualify for the Worlds from foreign competitions and if you are looking to gain ranking points, the Indian meets offer us very few points. The more we compete abroad, the better it will be in major meets.

"In India, we are forced to peak in domestic competition and when we travel abroad, we go down."

Like the long jumpers, the triple jumpers have offered Indian athletics new hope. It is time to offer them more support and see what they are capable of doing.



STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,740	17
2	Casper Ruud	23	5,850	23
3	Rafael Nadal	36	5,810	10
4	Daniil Medvedev	26	5,065	19
5	Alexander Zverev	25	5,040	19
6	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,810	22
7	Novak Djokovic	35	3,570	11
8	Cameron Norrie	27	3,550	24
9	Andrey Rublev	24	3,390	24
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,355	22
11	Jannik Sinner	21	3,200	21
12	Taylor Fritz	24	3,055	23
13	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	2,950	24
14	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,510	23
15	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,360	18

Top Indians ▸

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 227 ▼ 1 spot

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 336 ▼ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,365	17
2	Ons Jabeur	28	5,090	19
3	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,300	20
4	Paula Badosa	24	3,980	24
5	Jessica Pegula	28	3,501	17
6	Maria Sakkari	27	3,480	21
7	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,470	20
8	Coco Gauff	18	3,047	17
9	Simona Halep	30	3,025	19
10	Caroline Garcia	28	2,930	22
11	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,895	21
12	Garbine Muguruza	28	2,776	19
13	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,436	22
14	Belinda Bencic	25	2,335	19
15	Danielle Collins	28	2,277	14

Top Indians ▸

Karman Thandi
Rank 322 ▲ 37 spots

Ankita Raina
Rank 329 ▼ 4 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	335	11
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	219	3
3	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	210	1
4	George Russell	Mercedes	203	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	187	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	168	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	88	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	68	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	59	0
10	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
11	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	22	0
12	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
13	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	20	0
14	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	19	0
15	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
16	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
17	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	6	0
18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	5	0
19	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
20	Nyck de Vries	Williams	0	0
21	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0

Max Verstappen

Charles Leclerc

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins	Podiums
1	Red Bull	545	12	20
2	Ferrari	406	4	14
3	Mercedes	371	0	13
4	Alpine	125	0	0
5	McLaren	107	0	1
6	Alfa Romeo	52	0	0
7	Haas	34	0	0
8	AlphaTauri	33	0	0
9	Aston Martin	25	0	0
10	Williams	6	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	122,606	34
2	Kento Momota	92,904	21
3	Anders Antonsen	92,700	29
4	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	32
5	Chou Tien Chen	91,126	31
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	85,179	28
7	Loh Kean Yew	81,594	27
8	Jonatan Christie	76,912	29
9	Lakshya Sen	75,874	33
10	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	70,849	30
11	Rasmus Gemke	68,691	28
12	K. Srikanth	68,431	37
13	Ng Ka Long Angus	67,297	27
14	Lee Cheuk Yiu	66,461	27
15	Wang Tzu Wei	64,416	32

Top Indians ▸

Lakshya Sen
Rank 9

K. Srikanth
Rank 12

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	112,013	29
2	Tai Tzu Ying	109,045	20
3	Chen Yu Fei	105,406	21
4	An Se Young	103,553	34
5	Carolina Marin	93,230	22
6	P.V. Sindhu	87,218	32
7	Ratchanok Intanon	86,749	30
8	Nozomi Okuhara	85,510	16
9	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	35
10	He Bing Jiao	77,684	25
11	Wang Zhi Yi	72,678	25
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,794	41
13	Michelle Li	68,410	29
14	Sayaka Takahashi	60,503	23
15	Mia Blichfeldt	58,599	22

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 6

Saina Nehwal
Rank 32

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	719	772

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	828	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	James Anderson	825	903
6	Kagiso Rabada	799	902
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	890	898
2	R. van der Dussen	789	796
3	Quinton de Kock	784	813
4	Imam-ul-Haq	779	815
5	Virat Kohli	744	911
6	Rohit Sharma	740	885
7	Jonny Bairstow	732	796
8	David Warner	725	880
9	Ross Taylor	701	841
10	Steve Smith	697	752

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Trent Boult	775	775
2	Josh Hazlewood	718	733
3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
4	Jasprit Bumrah	662	841
5	Shaheen Afridi	661	688
6	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
7	Mehedi Hasan	655	725
8	Matt Henry	654	691
9	Mitchell Starc	653	783
10	Rashid Khan	651	806

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammad Rizwan	825	825
2	Aiden Markram	792	796
3	Suryakumar Yadav	780	816
4	Babar Azam	771	896
5	Dawid Malan	725	915
6	Aaron Finch	715	900
7	Devon Conway	683	784
8	Pathum Nissanka	677	698
9	Muhammad Waseem	671	703
10	Reeza Hendricks	628	647

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	785	806
2	Tabraiz Shamsi	716	821
3	Adil Rashid	709	746
4	Rashid Khan	696	816
5	Adam Zampa	693	743
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	692	797
7	Maheesh Theekshana	680	680
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
9	Bhuvneshwar Kumar	673	682
10	Akeal Hosein	665	681

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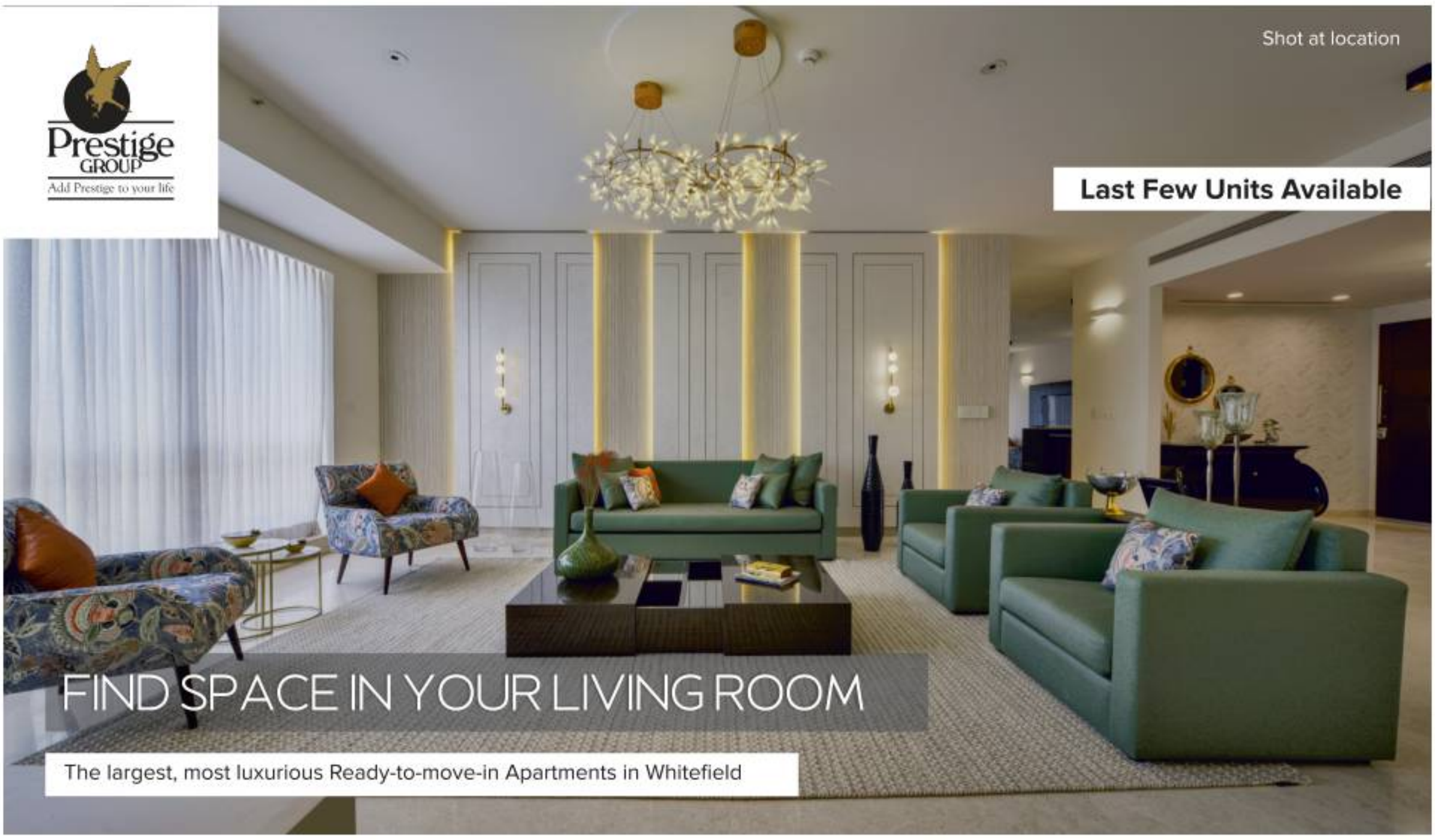

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> **STEFANO PIOLI**
> *AC Milan manager*

Rafael Leao: from rough diamond to crown jewel

Although the 23-year-old winger is blessed with rich gifts, his supporters once wondered whether he would fulfil his potential. But he has followed up a breakthrough season with AC Milan – the club won the Scudetto, he took home the MVP title – with a barnstorming start to 2022-23

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

Rafael Leao looks every inch the predator he is on the football field: tall, muscular, dangerous. The Portuguese star is also one of the rarest profiles in the game, a 'big-body' winger who can deliver the final ball, break defensive lines with his dribbling, act as a ball-carrying outlet on the counter and finish like a centre-forward while also possessing an aerial threat.

Just consider the various ways in which the AC Milan wide-man can hurt the opposition.

Leao can burst into a powerful run from a standing start, stop on a dime and take off again, reaching top-line speed in almost no time. He leaves his markers for dead just with his explosive changes of pace. He also has a bag of tricks – step-overs, shoulder-drops, sharp cuts with the inside and outside of his foot, drags with the sole, body feints and direction changes.

Defenders have few options to contain the 23-year-old. Staying touch-tight and getting physical doesn't work – he's 6'2", bigger and stronger than any full-back he is likely to encounter on the wing. Leao can hold his man off, roll through contact, turn and breeze past. Standing off and trying to control his position is just as fraught with danger; Leao is adept at squaring his marker up and once he has his man on his heels, his tricks are even more devastating. He can go on the outside or cut in; he is very effective doing both.

At his best, Leao can find a pass, off either foot, from out on the touch-line or the half-space. Equally, he can break diagonally into the box and finish. In the Milan derby earlier this month, several of his abilities were on display as he played a part in all three goals the Rossoneri scored in a 3-2 win over bitter city rival Inter.

His first goal was a one-touch, left-footed finish across the goalkeeper, into the side-netting. He then found Olivier Giroud in the box with a left-footed pass from the touchline, almost a long-distance cut-back. To have such influence with his 'weaker' foot was a sign of just how special he is. The match-winner saw Leao leave two defenders in his wake as he drove into the box on the back of some trickery before scoring, this time with his stronger right foot.

Shedding a tag

The display showed just how valuable Leao is to Milan – and how convincingly he has overcome his early reputation as a frustrating talent who wasn't living up to his potential.

Former Sporting Lisbon youth team coach Tiago Fernandes made the claim that Leao was "the best player in the history of the academy" – better than the likes of Luis Figo and Cristiano Ronaldo at the same age. When he moved to Lille, quitting Sporting after players and staff were reportedly attacked by a group of fans, he was nicknamed 'The Portuguese Mbappe'. Then coach Christophe Galtier also said, however, that "he's a player who can make you pull your hair out but, a few minutes later, bring you a lot of hope and a smile".

Leao's early years in Milan were of a similar nature – the talent was obvious. In December 2020, the youngster scored the fastest goal in Serie A history, netting after just 6.2 seconds at Sassuolo. There were other flashes of brilliance, but also the inconsistency that young players often have to deal with. Perhaps it didn't help that coach Stefano Pioli compared his style to Thierry Henry's. Also, Leao's swagger may have rubbed some fans the wrong way.

Top form

Those days are now firmly in the past, with the Milan fans in love with their crown jewel. After a breakthrough season, during which he won the 2021-22 Serie A MVP title and Milan claimed the Scudetto, Leao has begun this season even better: three goals and three assists in six Serie A appearances and two Champions League assists in two games.

"Naturally, every time we put him in one-on-one situations, he's an important weapon in our armoury," Pioli said. "Rafa has a body language that might confuse people, but I can assure you he knows what potential he has and is very eager to learn. In order to improve, you need talent and intelligence, so Leao has both of those. We gave him the time and freedom to make mistakes so he could learn."

Leao's numbers over the last year place him among the best in Europe. According to statistical outlet fbref.com, the 23-year-old is in the top 15% for non-penalty goals per 90 minutes (0.37), the top 4% for assists per 90 (0.42), the top 4% for dribbles completed per 90 (2.96) and the top 10% for progressive carries per 90 (8.79), compared to other attackers in Europe's five major leagues. So in terms of goal threat and advancing the ball, he is elite. He is also versatile: although primarily deployed off the left, he can play across the front line.

So it's no surprise that other European giants are circling, looking to see if Leao extends his Milan contract, scheduled to run out in 2024. Chelsea already made an informal offer in the summer, Milan's technical director Paolo Maldini recently confirmed. It was rejected but he added that "it's pointless being a romantic", with the likes of Manchester City, looking for Raheem Sterling's replacement on the left wing, and even Real Madrid supposedly interested.

There is no doubt that Milan will miss Leao if a move were to materialise. Already this season, the club suffered against Napoli, tasting defeat for the first time in 2022-23 after the left-winger was suspended for receiving a red card in the previous fixture. Without access to his lightning pace, line-breaking ability and eye for goal, Milan looked a considerably less threatening side.

Former Milan players, including former striker Jean-Pierre Papin, have urged Leao to stay in Italy and develop. According to Gazzetta dello Sport, that seems to be the direction of the Portuguese star's thinking as well. It reported that Leao wants to reach an agreement on an extension with Milan before the World Cup starts in November to avoid potential distractions. The Serie A champion is reportedly offering him a salary increase, worth about €6 million per season, but Leao wants a number closer to €7m.

But wherever Leao's future lies, what's certain is that he has figured out how to translate his potential into match- and championship-winning performances. And he did it in Milan, which could influence the decision on where he wants to play his next few years.

"God has given me the talent, which is rare, but I must add sacrifices and hard work," Leao said in an interview with La Repubblica. "I have a talent to cultivate but you don't play alone in football and I've proved that I can make it at Milan."

GAME THEORY

Greatness in numbers

Roger Federer called time on a record-studded career last week. A look at some of the stats that place him in the top tier of tennis' greatest-ever players:

1,251
Second-most matches for a male player in the Open Era (since 1968). He won 1,012, also the second-most. Jimmy Connors owns both records (1,274; 1,066)

237
Most consecutive weeks as World No. 1 on the ATP rankings

103
Second-most singles titles for a man in the Open Era, behind Connors' 109

36 years, **320** days
Oldest World No. 1 in ATP history

35
One of only two men to win three Majors after turning 35, Ken Rosewall the other

20
First man to win 20 Grand Slam titles. Only Rafael Nadal (22) and Novak Djokovic (21) have more

10
Only male player to reach 10 consecutive Major finals (2005 Wimbledon to 2007 US Open)

5
One of five men to have won the career Grand Slam in the Open Era. Rod Laver, Andre Agassi, Nadal and Djokovic are the others

3
One of only two players to reach the final of all four Grand Slams in the same season on three occasions (2006, 2007, 2009). Steffi Graf is the other

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Apocalypse now

Just another day of cricket in the County Championship, with dark, dramatic clouds adding to the spectacle in Taunton, where Somerset and Gloucestershire locked horns earlier this month.

County cricket has been derided by some as an exercise in futility played out in front of three men and a dog. With the burgeoning of domestic white-ball competitions, its doom has been foretold.

But while county cricket needs swift improvement, it still serves a vital purpose.

Its value to English cricket is fundamental, but it also offers cricketers from other countries considerable benefits.

It remains a finishing school for young red-ball players and a sanctuary for older pros to work on their games away from the pressure of international cricket. Zaheer Khan and Ishant Sharma are two Indian cricketers in recent years who gained from county stints.

Indians once featured prominently on the county circuit, but their presence had reduced in recent times.

The 2022 season, however, saw an uptick in participation. Cheteshwar Pujara (Sussex), Washington Sundar (Lancashire), Umesh Yadav (Middlesex), Navdeep Saini (Kent), Shubman Gill (Glamorgan), Mohammed Siraj and Jayant Yadav (both Warwickshire) turned out in creams.

Bill tabled to set up BMLTA for seamless mobility through urban transport

It will help in the regulation of development, operation, maintenance, monitoring, and supervision of urban mobility within Bengaluru city by integrating functions of multiple agencies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Friday tabled a Bill to provide for the constitution of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) for Urban Mobility Region in Bengaluru city by integrating functions of existing multiple civic agencies/ departments into a proposed new authority for promoting seamless mobility through urban transport.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai tabled the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority Bill, 2022, in the Legislative Assembly for regulation of the development, operation, maintenance, monitoring, supervision of urban mobility within Bengaluru city.

The Bill said that urban mobility consisted of modes of transport ranging from walking and bicycle to urban freeways, metro and regional rail systems, intelligent transport system of all kinds and roadways and private vehicles in the Urban Mobility Region.

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority will review and approve the city mobility investment programme prepared in accordance with the comprehensive mobility plan. FILE PHOTO

Multiple agencies
Currently, there are multiple institutions such as Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Bengaluru Traffic Police, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited and Transport Department which are responsible for planning, developing, implementing, and managing activities related to urban mobility in Bengaluru and its surrounding region. This is seen as causing overlap in responsibilities and functions, impeding planning and implementation of major transportation schemes, the Bill noted.

The Bill was drafted in tune with the National Transport Policy.

The Chief Minister will be the chairperson of BMLTA and it would include officials of various departments, representatives of professional bodies, academic institutions, civil society organisations, national highways and Indian Railways. In the absence of the chairperson, the Minister for Bengaluru Development will be the chairperson. The Commissioner of the Directorate of Urban Land Authority will be the chief executive officer.

Meetings each quarter
The Executive Committee of the Authority is headed by the Chief Secretary of the State and heads of various city agencies such as BMTC, BMRCL, BDA are its members. The executive committee should meet at least once in each quarter.

The Authority would review and approve the city mobility investment programme prepared in accordance with the comprehensive mobility plan. It would put in place frameworks, regulations, and mechanisms to establish an effective coordination mechanism, encompassing all strategic and operational matters among various urban transport agencies, infrastructure development agencies, and traffic management agencies in the Urban Mobility Region.

The Authority would plan a traffic management plan at least once a year The planning authority in the Urban Mobility Region would prepare the land use plan as part of preparation or revision of the master plan of the city.

Special fund
The Authority should establish a Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority Fund for the purposes of implementation of provisions of the Act. The Authority may make grants, advances and loans to any agency engaged in dealing with Urban Mobility.

The Bill is likely to be passed in the next session of the State legislature.

K-RIDE proposes to axe 764 trees between Lottegollahalli and Chikkabanavara

SUBURBAN RAIL

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE), the agency implementing the much-awaited construction of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) has proposed to axe 764 trees for the construction of the suburban rail corridor between Lottegollahalli and Chikkabanavara.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has invited objections from the public to the proposal made by KRIDE recently. "The trees are along the alignment between Lottegollahalli to Chikkabanavara of length 8.678 km," the BBMP notification published on Monday states. The public can file objections within 10 days from the date of publication of the notification. A senior BBMP official said a majority of the trees now proposed to be felled are of indigenous species.

A total of 1,054 trees were along the alignment. However, of them 290 are 'missing', K-RIDE had said in a letter on July 5. Sources said they were cut without the permission of the tree officer. Hence, BBMP has now called for public objections to cut the remaining 764 trees.

The civic body officials said that people can raise their objection by contacting BBMP either by post, email or by hand at Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) and tree officer, BBMP, N.R. Square, or email dcfbbmp12@gmail.com.

On June 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for the project and promised Bengalureans that it would be a reality in 40 months. In the first phase, K-RIDE had chosen the Baiyappanahalli – Chikkabanavara corridor for implementation. The total project cost of the entire four corridors is ₹15,676 crore.

INBRIEF

Vande Bharat Express trains from Bengaluru to Hubballi

Karnataka will get its first Vande Bharat Express high-speed train, from Bengaluru to Hubballi by March 2023, Darshana Jardosh, Union Minister of State for Railways and Textiles, said on Friday after meeting with MPs of Karnataka in Bengaluru. Responding to Lahar Singh Siroya, a BJP Rajya Sabha member from Karnataka, Sanjeev Kishore, General Manager of South Western Railway said, "The track doubling on this segment is under way, and the high-speed train will be ready for operations by March 2023."

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Lessons by writers who withdrew nod not to be taught

The circular issued by M.P. Made Gowda, Managing Director, Karnataka Textbook Society, lists texts by Devanur Mahadeva, G. Ramakrishna, Roopa Hassan, Eerappa M. Kambali, Satish Kulkarni, Sukanya Maruti and Doddahulluru Rukkojirao in Class X, IX, and VI Kannada textbooks as not to be taught to students for the academic year 2002-23.

Murugha seer's bail plea rejected

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The bail plea of Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, who has been arrested under the provisions of POCSO Act on the charge sexually harassing minor girls, has been rejected by a Chitradurga court.Second Additional District and Sessions Judge B.K. Komala, on Friday, issued the order rejecting the bail plea moved by counsel of Murugha Sharanaru.

The prosecution had objected to the bail plea on the grounds that the accused was an influential person and could tamper with evidence and influence witnesses. Meanwhile, the accused was discharged from McGann Teaching District Hospital, Shivamogga, after treatment for cardiac problem and shifted back to the District Prison in Chitradurga.

Bescom to charge extra 43p per unit from October

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Consumers will have to pay an extra 43 paise per unit for electricity from October as the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has accepted the application of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) to collect the amount as Fuel Cost Adjustment Charges (FAC).

The FAC will be charged on every unit of sale of energy from October 2022 to March 2023. It was announced on September 23, Friday, that the increased price of coal has led to the revision of costs.

This is the second time in six months that the price per unit of electricity has been revised. Previously, in July, the KERC had revised the FAC allowing Bescom to collect 31 paise on each unit from July to December. From October to December, the consumers will, therefore, have to pay a total of 74 paise per unit as FAC. The previous revision had attracted flak from citizens and opposition leaders.

State achieves SDG target of less than 25 in under-5 mortality rate

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Karnataka has recorded a five-point decline in under-five mortality rate (U5MR), from 26 per 1,000 live births in 2019 to 21 in 2020. With this, Karnataka is among 11 states that have attained the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG-3) target of less than 25 in this prominent child health indicator.

At the national level, the under-five mortality rate is estimated at 32. FILE PHOTO

Infectious diseases, including pneumonia, diarrhoea and malaria, along with preterm birth complications, birth asphyxia, trauma and congenital anomalies remain the leading causes of death for children under five.According to data from the Sample Registration System (SRS) bulletin for 2020 released on Friday, U5MR varies from 18 in rural areas to 17 in urban areas in Karnataka.

The SRS taken up by the Office of the Registrar General of India is a large-scale demographic survey for providing reliable annual estimates of infant mortality rate, birth rate, death rate, and other fertility and mortality indicators at the national and regional level.

At the national level, U5MR is estimated at 32 and it varies from 36 in rural areas to 21 in urban areas. Among the bigger states/ UTs, it varies from 8 in Kerala to 51 in Madhya Pradesh. On an average, the under-five mortality rates of female children are higher than that of male except in Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Neonatal Mortality Rate
Similarly, Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) have also fallen by two points each. While NMR has declined from 16 in 2019 to 14 in 2020, IMR has dropped from 21 in 2019 to 19 in 2020.

While NMR refers to the number of deaths of infants aged 0-27 days per 1,000 live births, IMR refers to the number of deaths under one year per 1,000 live births.

At the national level, the NMR is 20 and ranges from 12 in urban areas to 23 in rural areas. Among the bigger States/UTs, neonatal mortality ranges from 4 in Kerala to 31 in Madhya Pradesh.

A matter of concern is that rural areas continue to report a higher number of infant deaths compared to urban areas. Also, the death rate is high in female babies. While 21 infant deaths per 1,000 live births are reported in rural areas in the State in 2020, the rate is 16 in urban areas.

SDG-3 goals
Arundathi Chandrashekar, State Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), said the State is on the way towards achieving SDG-3 target of less than 12 for NMR too. "This should be done by 2030 but we are hoping to achieve this in a year," she said.

BJP to hold convention of BCs in Kalaburagi

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

The Bharatiya Janata Party will hold a convention of backward classes in Kalaburagi on October 30, said former minister and Shivamogga MLA K.S. Eshwarappa.

Addressing a press conference in Shivamogga on Friday, he said that the party would organise the convention to spread awareness among the backward classes about the schemes and programmes launched by both the Centre and State governments for their benefit. Over 4 lakh people would take participate in the programme. BJP would hold a preliminary meeting of leaders in Hubballi on October 9.

The BJP leader said that five teams of BJP leaders would tour across Karnataka in the coming days in the run-up to the convention. He would be leading one of the teams.

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High Court interim order continues Medical College with Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences

Ramaiah Medical College, Bengaluru.

Bengaluru: Stating that the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences had not sought its nod, the Department of Medical Education - Government of Karnataka had cancelled the Order of RGUHS, permitting 'disaffiliation' of M.S.Ramaiah Medical college, which had been sought for by them to join the M.S. Ramaiah University of applied science, as a constituent college.

Questioning the said Order of the Government – Department of Medical Education, Writ Petition having been filed, after hearing the Additional Advocate General for the State, Hon'ble High Court having Issued Notice had granted on 13.09.2022 an Interim protection by ordering that, the Order of the Government of 26-08-2022 will not prevent or come in the way of M.S. Ramaiah Medical College, carrying on its activities as a Constituent College of the University.

The said Order has since been continued by order dated 20.09.2022 directing the State Government and other Respondents to file their objections and; the case stands adjourned to be listed, after the Dasara vacation.

It is the case of the Petitioner Medical college that, once the approval is 'granted' by the Government, under Section 6 of MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences Act, the consequences would necessarily result in 'discontinuation of affiliation' from the Health University, to which it was earlier affiliated and; in that regard having made a request, the RGUHS; after due process of consideration at the hands of the Syndicate and the Senate, having granted such dis continuation of affiliation, it is not permissible for another Department of the State Government to seek to deny the same and; itself act for the University; in cancelling the permission granted.

It is the case of the Petitioner college that; the college not having sought continuation of affiliation for the ensuing years with new admissions, question of cancelling any such

RAMAIAH UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Notification of the University, at the hands of the Government, at this stage does not arise. Moreover Disaffiliation and now functioning as 'constituent college' having been communicated to National Medical Commission and NMC; said authorities by their communication of 26th August 2022 having accorded approval for changing the name of the affiliating University of M S Ramaiah Medical College from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences to M S Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences; such decision by the department of medical education is not permissible..

Prima facie being satisfied of the position in law, having issued notice to the Respondents, interim protection has been granted and is continued, enabling MS Ramaiah medical college to function as a Constituent College of MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences.

CET-2022 repeaters' row: Exclusion of biology creates problem

A five-member expert committee, headed by B. Thimme Gowda, had been asked to arrive at a solution and bring parity between the qualifying marks of the 2021 and 2022 batches of PU students

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The exclusion of biology in the formula suggested by the experts' committee to the Karnataka High Court to resolve the CET-2022 repeaters' issue has created a fresh controversy. Now, aspirants for courses such as Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Science (BNYS), B.Sc (Agriculture), B.V.Sc (Veterinary Science) B-Pharma (Pharmacy) and Pharma-D. have decided to approach the court again seeking inclusion of biology in the formula. "Biology is mandatory for professional courses other than engineering. Exclusion of the subject in the formula suggested for repeaters is unfair to us," said a student.

To resolve the issue that had cropped up with respect to ranking between 2022 first-timers and 2021 repeaters in CET, a five-member expert committee, headed by B. Thimme Gowda, had been asked to arrive at a solution and bring parity between the qualifying marks of the 2021 batch and 2022 batch PU students. While the method suggested was accepted by the government and the litigant engineering aspirants, it took into account only Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM), as subjects needed to enter the engineering streams through the CET ranking, and excluded biology needed for other streams.

Ramya S., Executive Director, KEA, said that the government would examine the judgement and make a decision.

The first round of admission counselling for engineering will start from October 3, said C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Higher Education, welcoming the HC order. "The revised CET ranking list will be released on September 29," he said.

HC notice on plea seeking policy on school bags

Special Correspondent
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The High Court of Karnataka on Friday ordered issue of notice to the State government on a PIL petition seeking effective implementation of the policy on School Bag-2020 notified by the Union government suggesting various ways and means for reducing the weight of school bags for students from Classes I to XII.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order on the petition filed by Ramesh Naik L. of Tumakuru.

Loaded with books

The petitioner has said that he has been seeing students carrying bags loaded with books everyday both in Tumakuru and Bengaluru as he commutes between the two cities as he is a practising advocate in the High Court.

It has been pointed out in the petition that students are carrying overloaded bags to the schools in Karnataka even though the School Bag Policy-2020, prepared by the National Council of Educational Research and Training, was notified way back in August, 2020, by the Department of School Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Education.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು & ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಇವರಿಂದ 2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಜಲ ಜೀವನ ಮಿಷನ್ (JJM) ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಳವಡಿಸಲಾದ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಉದ್ಯೋದೇಶ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ Standard Document KW-1 ನಂತೆ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪ್ಪು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನೂರದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕರೆಂ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ವಿವರಗಳು ಇಂತಿವೆ (Calander of Events)
ಆಫ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06-10-2022 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ
ಆಫ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 07-10-2022 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ	ಟೆಂಡರಿಸ್ಸು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಮುಂಗಡ ಕೆರವಣಿ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ವರ್ಗ	ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ವರ್ಗ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸುವ ಅವಧಿ
1	Setting up of a Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant in Koliwad Gram Panchayat, in Hubli Taluka, Dharwad District. (I.No.47157)	4143402.10	104000/-	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	3 ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು	90 ದಿನಗಳು

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.
ಪ್ರಸಾರಸಂಖ್ಯೆ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/605/2022-23

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders in prescribed tender form from reputed eligible contractors having valid Class-I Electrical license and above only, as below having experience matters etc., as mentioned in tender booklet for the below listed work and finance capability for the under mentioned work.:

E-TENDER NOTICE No.Y/E.25/2022-23/18
Dated: 15-09-2022.

Description of work	Approx. Value
Hassan Yard Remodeling-Upgradation of the STD of Interlocking from STD-I to STD-III to provide simultaneous reception/dispatch in all four directions.	Rs. 6,35,526/-

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 06-10-2022

E-TENDER NOTICE No.Y/E.26/2022-23/20
Dated: 20-09-2022

Description of work	Approx. Value
'Hassan - Mangaluru Jn Section: Proposed construction of Road under Bridge as 2 x 9.15m PSC Slab in lieu of Manned Level Crossing No. 105 at KM. 139/100-200 at Kabakaputtur station yard".	Rs. 14,66,738/-

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 11-10-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
Mysuru
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client is willing to transact with the immoveable properties described in the Schedule ("**Schedule Property**") from its Owner/s. Any person/s, firms, societies, institutions, entity (corporate or otherwise) claiming to have any right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand in, or to, the Schedule Property may notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within 7 **(Seven) days** of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within 7 **(Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the Owner/s in relation to their respective ownership of the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within 7 **(Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on our Client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the lands in the below mentioned Survey Numbers, situated at **Tharabanahalli and Meenukunte Villages, Jala Hobli, Bangalore (Additional) Taluk, Bangalore District:**

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Village	Land Owner details	Extent		Boundaries			
				Acres	Guntas	East By	West By	North By	South By
1.	176 (old No.13)	Tharabanahalli	Muniyappa s/o Muthyalappa	00	9	Sy.No.13	Sy.No.13	Navarathna Agrahara Village boundary	Sy.No.13
2.	187 (old No.13)	Tharabanahalli	Bhagyamma w/o late Shivanna	00	30	Sy.No.13	Sy.No.13	Navarathna Agrahara Village boundary	Sy.No.13
3.	190 (old No. 13)	Tharabanahalli	G. Krishnappa s/o Giddappa	00	22	Sy.No.13	Sy.No.13	Navarathna Agrahara Village boundary	Sy.No.13
4.	207/1 (old No.13)	Tharabanahalli	Abrar Khan @ Abrar Hussain Khan s/o late I.H. Khan	00	12	Sy.No.13	Sy.No.13	Sy.No.13	Sy. No. 207/2
5.	207/2 (old No.13)	Tharabanahalli	Abrar Khan @ Abrar Hussain Khan s/o late I.H. Khan	00	10	Sy.No.13	Sy.No.13	Sy. No. 207/1	Sy.No.13
6.	90 (old No. 39)	Meenukunte	Jayamma w/o M. Ramaiah and other	00	4	Sy. No.39	Sy. No.39	Tharabanahalli Village boundary	Sy. No.39

Mr. Srinandan Karthikeya, SK Law Chambers,
#60, 1st Floor, 4th Cross Road, Near Link Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560 003.
Bangalore Date : 24-09-2022

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2022-23/05
Dated : 16-09-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Modification to the OHE due to provision of low level platform at Km 293 in Mandalahalli Yard and Replacement & Augmentation of OHE/PSI equipments such as Isolators, CT, Battery, CA etc., on age cum condition basis in KSR Bengaluru - Jolarpettai Section.	Rs. 59,54,781.15

Last date for submission of bids : Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 07-10-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Bengaluru
PUB/378/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
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Rail Wheel Plant/Bela (Distt. - Saran), Bihar 841221
E-Tender No: OT-AMC-VTL-20-WFPS-2021
Dy. CME/WFPS, Rail Wheel Plant, Bela acting for and on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender through Indian Railways specialized tendering portal www.ireps.gov.in from reputed firms based on single packet system for the under mentioned work:
1. Name of work with its location and completion period : Name of Work: One time maintenance & comprehensive AMC of CNC VTL- 20 at WFPS, RWP as per scope of work. **Location:** RWP/Bela. **Completion Period: 22 Months. 2. Approx. cost of the work :** ₹ 78,44,040.00. **3. Bid Security to be Deposited :** ₹ 1,52,900.00. **4. Tender closing date and time :** 12.10.2022 at 15:00 hrs., **5. Website particulars, Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.** For full details and submission of bid tenderer/bidder may kindly visit Indian Railways specialized tendering portal www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderer(s)/bidder(s) are directed to remain connected with IREPS portal www.ireps.gov.in for updates including Addendum/ Corrigendum/Cancellation with respect to the above tender.
Dy.CME/WFPS, Rail Wheel Plant-Bela
RWP/CPRO/Advt/2022-23/62

STOPPAGE OF JASIDIH-SMVT BENGALURU-JASIDIH WEEKLY EXPRESS AT VIJAYAWADA

22306/22305 Jasidih-SMVT Bengaluru-Jasidih Weekly Express train will also stop at **Vijayawada** station as per following schedule : Train No. **22306 (Jasidih-SMVT Bengaluru)** – Arr. 06.55 hrs. / Dep. 07.05 hrs. Train No. **22305 (SMVT Bengaluru-Jasidih)** – Arr. 23.20 hrs. / Dep. 23.30 hrs.

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EOI NOTICE DATED: 24.09.2022

Sub: **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROCUREMENT OF HOT AXLE BOX HOT WHEEL DETECTOR SYSTEM AND MACHINE VISION INSPECTION SYSTEM.**

Central Organisation for Modernisation of Workshops (COFMOW) on behalf of Ministry of Railways is entrusted for procurement of **Hot Axle Box Hot Wheel Detector System (HAHW) And Machine Vision based Inspection System (MVIS).**
Before floating the tender, for these equipments, suppliers' suggestions are being sought to understand the technology available w. r. t. existing technical specifications.
Manufacturer/Suppliers interested may please go through the technical specification available on COFMOW website: **cofmow.indianrailways.gov.in**
Manufacturer/Suppliers may please submit their comments on the technical specifications and the budgetary quotation based on existing technical specification for the individual systems on the below mentioned email.
Manufacturer/Suppliers may request for the slot for discussion on the technical specifications at COFMOW office from 06.10.2022 to 07.10.2022. Slots shall be provided only after receipt of comments/queries and budgetary quotation. Without submission of comments/queries and budgetary quotation, slot shall not be provided. Interested Manufacturers/Suppliers may please submit their queries & budgetary quotations and request for slots of discussion on **dycme3-rly@cofmow.railnet.gov.in** by 03.10.2022

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शुद्धि पत्र

इस कार्यालय के द्वारा आमंत्रित ई–अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या–RDD/SD/HZB/03/2022-23 पीआरओ संख्या 277425 Rural Development (22-23)_D में प्रकाशित निविदा की तिथियों में अपरिहार्य कारणवश निम्नप्रकार से संशोधन किया जाता है:–

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1.	वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	दिनांक 27.09.2022
2.	ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 27.09.2022 से दिनांक 06.10.2022 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
3.	ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग के कार्यालय कक्ष में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि तथा पत्र की मूल प्रति जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय	07.10.2022 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक
4.	तकनीकी निविदा खोलने का स्थान, तिथि एवं समय–	ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग, 10.10.2022 अपराह्न 02:00 बजे ।

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Terror suspects carried out trial blast in Shivamogga: SP

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

The accused had manufactured a bomb using locally available material, according to police

The youths arrested on the charge of links with ISIS, a banned organisation, had executed a trial blast on the bank of Tunga river in Shivamogga, said Shivamogga Superintendent of Police B.M. Laxmi Prasad.

Addressing mediapersons in Shivamogga on Friday, the officer said that the accused had manufactured a bomb using locally available material. They had learnt bomb-making by studying material shared by ISIS on their channel in a messenger application. "The accused profess the ideology of Islamic State. They were of the view that India got independence merely from the British. But the real independence would be achieved only after establishing a caliphate and enforcing Sharia law," the officer said.

The police, during the investigation, located the site of the trial blast and picked up remnants from the spot. "The remnants were recovered with the help of the FSL team. We have found sulphur and phosphorus, which worked as detonators. The material will undergo chemical analysis," he said.

Shivamogga police arrested Syed Yasin of Shivamogga and Maz Muneer Ahmed of Mangaluru on September 19 on the charge of having links with ISIS. They are in police custody. Another accused Sharik is absconding, but a car belonged to him has been seized. The officer said that the accused are members of the ISIS channel – Al Hayat - run on Telegram, a messenger application.

FIR charges PFI of 'waging war against state', names 19 persons

Alleges an 'organised conspiracy to radicalise Muslim youth towards violent acts of extremist nature', imparting training in using lethal weapons

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The First Information Report (FIR) registered by the Anti Terrorist Cell, Bengaluru City Police, against members of Popular Front of India (PFI) alleges that the organisation runs an "organised conspiracy to radicalise Muslim youth towards violent acts of extremist nature", imparting training in using lethal weapons and deputing them to "undertake targeted attacks on persons having a certain religious and socio-political lineage."

"The larger aim of the conspiracy is to create social unrest and disaffection against India by inciting people to defy the government established by law thereby threatening the unity, sovereignty and integrity of the nation and to wage war against the Government of India through its cadres," the FIR alleges.

NIA search operations were carried out at the PFI office in Bengaluru.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Though the FIR lists 19 persons, all members and office-bearers of PFI across eight districts of the State as accused booking them for sedition, it does not make any specific charges against any of them individually, but only alleges that PFI has been carrying out subversive activities, a charge that has been part of several police records till date.

Sources in the city police said that the FIR was based on information received from Central security agencies and the inputs they received had specific inputs against the 19 individuals. B.R. Venugopal, Chief of Anti Terrorist Cell, BCP, lodged the complaint with K.G. Halli Police based on a source based information he received, in pursuance of which State police conducted raids in eight districts simultaneous to raids conducted by National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) and arrested 14 office-bearers and members of the organisation on Thursday.

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Sri. D. Maheswara Kumaran, s/o. Duraikannu, No. 502, C. J. Venkatesdas Road, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore - 560 070 Karnataka State
Kindly take notice that the above plaintiffs had filed the above suit for Partition and Declaration relieves, in the above suit the Honourable Additional District Court was pleased to order to effect substituted service by way of paper publication to the 12th defendant, for effecting service and posted the above case on 07/11/2022 for your appearance. Hence enter appearance either personally or through your Advocate at 10.30 a.m., in the above mentioned Court without fail or else the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.
M.ANANDEESWARAN,
Counsel for Plaintiff.
Ph.9840203800

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Sd/- CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

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Terror case accused's father dies in Mangaluru hospital

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Muneer Ahmed, the 56-year-old father of Maj Muneer Ahmed who was recently arrested by the Shivamogga police in a case under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, died in a private hospital in the city on Friday. He is said to have died of a cardiac arrest.

Muneer Ahmed, from Thirthahalli in Shivamogga district, lived in an apartment on Arya Samaj Road here. He was admitted to a private hospital in Kankanady on Friday following physical discomfort.

Maj Muneer Ahmed, a resident of Mangaluru, and Syed Yasin from Shivamogga, were arrested by the Shivamogga police on Tuesday in connection with a stabbing case that followed clashes over the display of V.D. Savarkar's photo. Maj Muneer Ahmed was among the two arrested by Mangaluru East Police in 2020 in connection with a pro-terror graffiti in the city. On September 17, Muneer Ahmed sent an email to Mangaluru East Police stating that his son had gone missing since September 14. A missing complaint was registered on Monday.

On Monday, Muneer Ahmed filed a writ of habeas corpusto the Police Commissioner for production of his son. This petition was dismissed with costs by the Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday.

Four-storey building demolished in Mahadevapura

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BBMP on Friday demolished a four-storey building in Papaiah Reddy Layout in the Mahadevapura zone after giving prior notice to residents. On Thursday, it had demolished a single-storey building. Officials said the drive at upscale Greenwood Regency was completed. "The slabs built on the storm-water drain have been removed," they said.

The BBMP has started the survey work in Ferns City, Doddanekkundi, which allegedly encroached on the SWD.

Fridays For Future organises Climate Strike

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the recent floods in Bengaluru, a section of Fridays For Future (FFF) led by climate justice activist Disha A. Ravi, organised the Bengaluru Climate Strike, in collaboration with several other organisations on Friday.

Speaking at the protest Disha Ravi underlined the necessity of the government's engagement with the public as the first step to tackling climate change.

Government of Karnataka
(Infrastructure Development and Port and Inland Water Transport Department)
Karnataka Maritime Board
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PORT DIVISION, BAITKHOL, KARWAR, UTTAR KANNADA-581302
Phone/Fax: 08382-228672 Email: eepdk@rediffmail.com/ eepdkwr4@gmail.com
NO.EE/PDK/TND/2022-23/636 Date: 19-09-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only in E-Procurement) (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in e-Procurement to execute below mentioned work. To participate in e-Procurement, and for more information may be obtained in www.eproc.karnatakagov.in website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.
"GST shall be paid to the Tendered Amount separately"
Name of work and Indent Number: No: IDD/2022-23/FP/WORK_INDENT84 (2)No: IDD/2022-23/FP/ WORK_INDENT83 (3) IDD/2022-23/FP/WORK_INDENT79
Last date and Time for receipt of queries: 03.10.2022 at 16.00 hours, Last date and Time for Submission of Tender: 06.10.2022 at 16.00 hours.
DIPR/KAR/MCA/4512/22-23 Dt. 21.09.2022 Sd/- Executive Engineer, Port Division, Karwar

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No.VIMS/SUP/TEND/10/2022-23/208 DATE: 22.09.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Tenders are invited from the eligible Bidders for **Providing Man Power for maintenance of Cleaning & Sanitation Services, Plumbers & Drivers Services** to combined group of College & Hospitals of VIMS, Ballari for a period of 07 Months and extendable for 03 Months period in Two Bid System as per KTPP Act 1999-2000 through e-procurement portal **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of Government of Karnataka. The last date for submission of Tenders will be **11/10/2022 @ 5.00 PM** interested Tenderers are requested to submit Tenders. Further details can be obtained at above website and also at **https://vims.karnataka.gov.in.** The total approximate cost of Tender is **Rs.183.00 Lakhs.**
Sd/- Director, VIMS, Bellary.
DIPR/Ballari/477/MCA/2022-23

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2022-23 Dated: 21.09.2022
Invitation For Short Term Tender ref no: 24/2022-23
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division,Madhugiri,invites tenders from eligible Tenderers,for the works .Total 11 Works, (Sira Taluk), Approx. amount for the work is Rs 100.00 Lakhs.Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before **03.10.2022** (up to 4.00 pm).Technical bids will be opened on **06.10.2022** after 4.15 PM, Financial bid will be opened on **10.10.2022** after 4.00 PM . Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
DIPR/TUM/543/MCA/2022-23

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Kolar
No: 20/2022-23 Dated: 22.09.2022
E-procurement Short Term Tender Notification
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission (Functional household tap connection) 2021-22 of Kolar, Bangarpet, Mulbagal, Malur & Sirinivasapura Taluks, of Kolar District. Item rate tenders by two cover system through e-procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/CPWD (Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for online submission of Bid is **06.10.2022 upto 17.30 hours.**
Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kolar
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No.KB/Marketing-1/07-2/2022-23 Date:23-09-2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
(Through e-procurement portal)
Short term e-Tender in Two Cover System are invited by the interested contractors for Erecting stalls and for providing infrastructures required for State Level **"Khadi Utsav-2022"** exhibition being organized by the board for a period of 15 days between **20-10-2022 to 03-11-2022** at "Veerashaiva Kalyana Mantapa, Raichur City. Last date for submission of Tenders **03.10.2022 up to 17.00 hours.** For further details visit Website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Development Officer
(Publicity & Marketing)

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - Yelahanka Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
No: EE/RI/YNK/TEND/13/2022-23 Date: 23-09-2022
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Yelahanka Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of works detailed below. **(Standard Bid Document - KW-4)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Repairs to Damaged Portion of 13th Main Road, 20th Cross Road of Sahakaranagara, Amco Layout Main Road, Bhadrappa Layout Main Road, ORR from Bhadrappa Layout Signal to BEL Circle (Yelahanka Zone)	135.12	2.03

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 26-09-2022.** 2) Last Date for Receipt of Queries: **01-10-2022 upto 15.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Yelahanka Division, BBMP.** 3) Pre Tender Meeting will be held on **01-10-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Chief Engineer (Road Infrastructure).** 4) Tenders must be Submitted Online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 17.30 Hrs. on 07-10-2022.** 5) Technical Bids will be Opened on **10-10-2022 at 10.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Road Infrastructure - Yelahanka Division).** Further details can be had from the above office
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-Yelahanka Division, BBMP.
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Office of the Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, RR Nagar Zone, No. 144, 2nd Main, Jagajyothi Layout, Bangalore - 560 056.
No: EE/KEN/TEND/12/2022-23 Date: 23.09.2022
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division invites proposals from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Providing Chairs, Tables Kitchen Utensils and other works at Channanayakana Palya and Thippenahalli Samudhaya Bhavana and Construction of Gazebo and Providing GYM Equipments for parks at Doddabidarakallu Ward Limits and at Herohalli Ward Limits (Package-3 woks)	400/-	6,00,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal from **27.09.2022. 2)** Pre-bid Meeting: **30.09.2022 upto 3.00 p.m. 3)** Last date for submission of tenders: **07.10.2022 upto 4.00 p.m. 4)** Opening of Bids: **10.10.2022 at 4.00 p.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or Contact e-procurement Helpdesk: 080-22485867 / 22485927 or contact the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division.
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Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Shimoga.
SECTION 1-INVITATION FOR TENDERS KW-3&4
IFT No : 16/2022-23 Date : 12.09.2022
The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Shimoga invites tenders in Standard Bid Document K/W-4 through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz.,http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from eligible contractors for 01 work coming under Tarikere sub-division amounting to **Rs. 168.35 lakhs.** Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From **16.09.2022 to 26.09.2022 upto 17:00hrs.** Tender opening date at **17:15 hrs on 27.09.2022.** Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in are final.
DIPR/SMG/No.111-09zenkar/2022-23
Sd/ Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D. Division, Shimoga.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA Department of Horticulture
Office of the, Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, State Sector, Hassan,
email:sadhsshsn@gmail.com Ph: 08172-269995
SL.No:SADH/55/HSN/21/2022-23 Dated:22.09.2022
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Sd/-Senior Assistant Direcoter of Horticulter, State Sector, Hassan.

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Flooding's impact on property prices

Homebuyers should explore several aspects of a project and location before taking the plunge, says **Akash Pharande**

OPINION

The recent floods in Bengaluru have raised many questions. While experts blame it on real estate, the rapid erosion of gardens and water bodies, and poor town planning, some questions are still unanswered.

Urban flooding, especially in a country like India, which sees annual monsoons, can have serious economic consequences. These consequences are completely apart from the inconveniences and frayed tempers caused by potholes.

Flooding can destroy or severely damage assets like automobiles, public utilities, and electrical grids, lead to excessive air pollution due to crawling traffic, and cause other economic losses. And they can destroy homes in low-lying areas. When water levels rise too high, they can damage the structural integrity of properties in the fallout zone. Rising water levels also cause structural damage to properties within the immediate flooding influence zone. But does flooding also impact the price of housing in urban India? Let's take a look.

Logic vs reality

There is certainly a negative correlation between flooding and residential real estate values at the most basic level. Flood-damaged homes will see much lower demand in the housing market – not only because the property is damaged but also because there is a clear threat of further damage in the future. Once built, housing projects or individual homes cannot be shifted to less flood-prone areas. Much depends on the severity of the flooding in a particular area. In most Indian cities, occasionally submerged streets or compounds are accepted as facts of life. In many cases, the reason is merely negligence on the part of the local municipality to clear astron drains in time. But if water levels regularly rise to the floor levels of surrounding housing projects, there is a bigger problem.

The area is either naturally (geographically) prone to flooding or has been made prone to flooding by overbuilding and filling up natural water escape routes with concrete structures.

Not surprisingly, such artificial blockages are usually created in the most central areas of our cities – for example, in South-central Mumbai or the core areas of Pune. Since they are the most expensive locations, they act as a magnet for real estate developers who often circumvent or completely flout local building laws, often with the help of governing agencies whose real responsibility is to prevent predatory development.

These areas are vanity pin codes and demand for housing does not appear to be severely affected by instances of flooding. Even less expensive areas of a city may not see demand reduce because of flooding, because the need for accommodation there is driven by nearby or connected workplace hubs. In the case of the heavy floods in Chennai in 2015, real estate development barely paused before the fundamental need for homes in the city caused housing demand to resurge. Chennai again saw floods last year, but according to real estate consultants, the market there still grew by over 60%.

In Bengaluru, several areas in and around the main IT hotspots were recently ravaged by flooding. However, this has not caused property prices or rentals to drop as people employed in IT tech parks have little option but to live close to them.

Homebuyer instincts

This may seem counter-intuitive, considering that most international studies on urban flooding find that flood risk invariably causes both rental and capital values to plummet. However, with few exceptions, Indian cities seem immune to this phenomenon.

Logically, property prices should be tied not only to the land rates in an area but also to how liveable it is. However, on the ground, housing prices will not reduce as long as there is sufficient demand in any given location – flood-prone or not. Housing prices in a location are inextricably tied to the prevailing demand for homes there. This is an immutable fact of the Indian housing market.

Homebuyers should do their homework about several aspects of a project and location, including proneness to floods. They should certainly not be influenced by the snob quotient of an address when it is known that the area gets flooded regularly. Good housing is about liveability.

It is generally advisable to avoid buying homes in smaller projects fitted into a minuscule plot in a densely populated area. Developers of such projects have only chosen the plot for one reason – to leverage the central location appeal and the higher property prices. Such projects do not benefit from adequate planning at the municipal or developer level.

Here again, integrated townships created according to a meticulous masterplan are perhaps the only safe bet. As a rule, integrated townships are developed on the city's outskirts which are not prone to over-development. Moreover, a township's approved design permanently locks in open spaces, adequate roads, water management, and retaining local flora and fauna.

What you buy today is what you will still have decades later, no matter what happens in the rest of the city.

When a developer builds a township, homes there are sold over a span of several years. Any instance of flooding due to deficient services will impact future sales. Thus, township developers are highly invested in ensuring that flooding or similar issues are never associated with the project.

Remember that once an area is flooding-prone, nothing will ever reverse the situation. No amount of municipal intervention can salvage such an area. No amount of damage control will ever make a difference if the fault lies in the area's geographical location. With climate change and unforeseen, severe weather events now a permanent reality across the globe, what is bad today will be much worse tomorrow.

Homes must be bought with sufficient hindsight (what happened before), foresight (is it likely to happen again), and a firm understanding of what constitutes safety and a dependable lifestyle in a constantly changing environment.

The writer is Managing Director, Pharande Spaces.

Rates are up

A resurgence in residential demand has led to a 5% increase in prices across the top eight cities (Delhi-NCR, MMR, Kolkata, Pune, Hyderabad, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Ahmedabad) while registering a marginal decline in unsold inventory during Q2 2022.

Residential prices, which have surpassed pre-pandemic levels, have been seeing an upward trend led by rising demand amidst rising prices of construction materials. Delhi-NCR saw the highest increase in residential prices at 10% YoY, followed by Ahmedabad and Hyderabad with 9% and 8% YoY increase respectively.

The sales momentum that started in the latter part of last year continued in Q2 2022 as well, led by pent-up demand and attractive pricing. Hence, despite rising prices and an increase in new launches in the last few quarters, unsold inventory saw a dip in the majority of the cities.

Bengaluru witnessed the steepest decline of 21% YoY in its inventory overhang, led by higher sales. Only Hyderabad, MMR and Ahmedabad saw an increase in unsold inventory, which was led by significant new launches. MMR still accounts for the highest share in unsold inventory at 36%, followed by 14% in Delhi-NCR and 13% in Pune.

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INBRIEF

Will write to Modi, says Kumaraswamy

The former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who on Thursday raised alleged irregularities in BMS Educational Trust and accused Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan of being complicit in the case, on Friday said he would write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi with documents. "Does the Prime Minister, who has been speaking of corruption-free India, not know about the happenings in Karnataka? I will wait and see what action would the Prime Minister take against the Minister," Mr. Kumaraswamy told presspersons here after the Assembly was adjourned *sine die* .

Bommai to call all-party meet on increasing reservation

Amid pandemonium in the Assembly on Friday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai *(in picture)* said he would convene an all-party meeting in a week to take a decision on increasing reservation, as demanded by some communities in the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and OBC categories. Mr. Bommai said committees headed by the former Upalokayukta Subhash B. Adi and the former judge Nagamohan Das had submitted recommendations to the government and that the government was committed to providing justice to various communities seeking an increase in the quota. "The government has to take a decision very carefully by considering all aspects since the courts have been reviewing issues related to reservation," Mr. Bommai said.

Session ends amid chaos, with govt. refusing to probe BMS trust case

Discussion on '40% commission' issue was not allowed; deadlock in the House is a ploy to prevent discussion on corruption charges by contractors' association, says Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

JD(S) member staging a protest in the Legislative Assembly on Friday.

The last day of the 10-day Legislative Assembly session ended on a chaotic note as the demand of Opposition Janata Dal (Secular) for a probe into allegations of private people being allowed to get a stronghold in the BMS Educational Trust was rejected and Opposition Congress' demand for discussion on "40% commission" was not taken up.

The House was adjourned *sine die* even as members of both parties were protesting. Vociferous sloganeering by JD(S) members prevented the Congress from raising the "40% commission" issue and their demand for an extension of the session till Monday to allow it went unheeded.

Minister's defence

As soon as the proceedings began, JD(S) members continued dharna in the well of the House. Holding photographs of Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan, they shouted slogans and sought a probe into changes in the original deed of the trust, which holds crores-worth properties in Bengaluru.

Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri adjourned the House for a few minutes and convened a meeting of the floor leaders. As the meeting failed to evolve consensus, JD(S) members continued their protest. Dr. Narayan, against whom the JD(S) levelled charges, said the BMS trust is an educational trust and the government had no role in its functioning. It would continue to remain a public charitable trust for the benefit of the public. JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy levelled allegations to tarnish the image of the government, the Minister said.

Dr. Narayan defended the decision to allow the trust's resolution to make changes in the original deed by maintaining that it would not alter the nature of the trust and that legal opinion by the Advocate General also favoured it.

Amid JD(S) members sloganeering, Leader the Opposition Siddaramaiah urged Mr. Kageri to allow him to speak on the alleged "40% commission charge" made by the Karnataka State Contractors' Association against the government. Both Mr. Siddaramaiah and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai traded charges against each other amid din.

"I have been waiting for three days. This deadlock is a ploy to prevent a discussion on the issue," said Mr. Siddaramaiah. When he demanded that the Speaker hold the session on Monday, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said it was not possible as Navaraati celebrations would commence from Sunday.

As JD(S) members refused to withdraw their dharna, the Speaker tabled answers provided to various questions in the House. Later, he asked Mr. Bommai to table the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority Bill, 2022, and later adjourned the House *sine die*.

'PayCM' poster: FIR against Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah, others

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

(Top) Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar

The city police have registered an FIR against Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D. K. Shivakumar and over 20 other senior Congress leaders for pasting 'PayCM' posters in Bengaluru on Friday.

Over 30 leaders and hundreds of party workers were taken into preventive custody from Racecourse Circle where they pasted the 'PayCM' poster on a wall. They were later released on station bail, police sources said. The leaders have been booked under the Karnataka Open Places Disfigurement Act, 1951, and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984.

The Congress campaign with "PayCM: 40% commission accepted here" posters with the face of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, punning on allegations of 40% commission in State government contracts, drew sharp reaction from the government. The city police arrested five persons for disfigurement of open places, drawing the ire of Opposition leaders. Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar condemned the arrests as "autocratic" and challenged the government to arrest them and went ahead with pasting the 'PayCM' posters themselves on Friday evening.

Meanwhile, ruling BJP members of the Legislative Council staged a protest in front of the Gandhi statue in Vidhana Soudha against the alleged corruption scandals during the tenure of Mr. Siddaramaiah as Chief Minister. They demanded that the government institute investigation into them.

Eshwarappa, Jarkiholi skip session without telling Speaker

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two former Ministers K.S. Eshwarappa and Ramesh Jarkiholi skipped the 10-day session of the Legislative Assembly without informing Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri.

Mr. Kageri told media persons on Friday that members were required to intimate the Speaker if they cannot attend the session. However, these members had not informed him about their absence.

Both the former Ministers had to relinquish their posts abruptly due to different allegations. Now both of them are said to be trying to make a re-entry into the Ministry.

Winter session in Belagavi likely in Dec.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The just-concluded session of the Assembly saw 99% attendance of members

The winter session of the State legislature will be held in Belagavi, tentatively in December, according to Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri.

The Speaker told media persons after both the Houses of the State legislature were adjourned *sine die* on Friday that this year's best legislator award, which was instituted last year, would be presented during the Belagavi session. The former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa won the award last year.

14 Bills approved

Mr. Kageri said the 10-day session of the Assembly saw 99% attendance of members. In all, the Assembly had transacted for 52 hours and 14 minutes in its 10-day session during which 14 Bills had been approved, he said. Mr. Kageri observed that the session had seen detailed debates on various issues, including floods. But for the last day's session which was wound up due to the protest by JD(S) members, the proceedings on all other days were conducted smoothly, he noted.

Record 15,645 visitors

The Assembly session was able to attract interest among the general public, if the number of visitors who viewed the proceedings from the Assembly gallery is any indication.

According to Mr. Kageri, 15,645 members watched the Assembly proceedings from the visitors' gallery this time.

Tabling of Anwar Manippady report generates heat

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid protest from the combined Opposition over the placing of the Anwar Manippady report on irregularities in wakf properties before the Legislative Council late on Thursday, the Upper House on Friday passed the Karnataka Stamp (3rd Amendment) Bill, Karnataka State Civil Services (Regulation of posting and Transfer of Teachers) Bill, Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (Amendment) Bill, and Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition (Amendment) Bill without any discussion.

Chairman Raghunath Rao Malkapure asked the Ministers to move the Bills even as Congress members were staging a protest in the well with placards against the Manippady report being tabled in the Council without any intimation and copies not being distributed to members. The JD(S) members too joined the Congress members in the well after they were denied permission to raise the issue of irregularities in the BMS Educational Trust.

Earlier in the morning, soon after the House met, Congress members took objection and raised slogans against the government for placing the Karnataka State Minorities Commission report on alleged irregularities and land-grabbing, and accused the BJP of trying to divert attention. "Though secrecy had to be maintained, the contents of the report were known to a member, who accused that Congress leaders had been named in the report. It is unfair that the government did not give the report to all members," Leader of Opposition B.K. Hariprasad said.

Supporting the Congress members, JD(S) member S.L. Bhoje Gowda said the government failed to maintain secrecy of the report.

BMTC's loans over 5 years at ₹1,324 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the last five years, the State-run BMTC has raised a loan of around ₹1,324 crore of which about ₹679 crore has been repaid, Transport Minister B. Sriramulu informed the Legislative Council on Friday. His response came to a question from Congress Deputy Leader Govindaraju. The Minister said the loan had been utilised to purchase new buses, for modernisation of workshops, and to pay PF of the employees.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

G Ramachandran (94), Retired Foreman, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 23-09-2022. Address: No. 13, Muneeswaran Koil Street, Kodur, Krishnapuram, Ponneri - 601204. Contact: 9841295597

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NIT No.	1. MCF/CMG/H/eTN-14/2022-23/1-1195 Dtd. 21.09.2022 2. MCF/CMG/H/eTN-16/2022-23/2-1012 Dtd. 21.09.2022 3. MCF/CMG/H/eTN-17/2022-23/1-1192 Dtd. 21.09.2022
Estimated Cost (Rs.)	1. Rs. 15,19,136/- 2. Rs. 39,75,723/- 3. Rs. 19,13,747/-
EMD (Rs.)	1. Rs. 30,383/- 2. Rs. 79,515/- 3. Rs. 38,275/-
Period of Completion	1. 02 Months 2. 03 Months 3. 45 Days
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	**From 23.09.2022 10.00 Hrs to 29.09.2022 11.00 Hrs.**
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Last date & time of reply to Bid clarifications	**29.09.2022 18.00 Hrs**
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	**30.09.2022 17.00 Hrs**
Due date and time for opening of tenders	**On 07.10.2022 from 11.30 Hrs onwards**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from **website: www.isro.gov.in.** The bid forms and other details can be downloaded from the **website: www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.** All Corrigendums, addendums, clarifications etc. will be uploaded in the tenderwizard portal only and will not be published in newspapers. Bidders may regularly visit the website for any updates.

Sd/- Division Head, CCMD-CMG

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No: EE/RI/YNK/TEND/12/2022-23 Date: 23-09-2022

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(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

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Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
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Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 26-09-2022.** 2) Last Date for Receipt of Queries: **01-10-2022 upto 15.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Yelahanka Division, BBMP.** 3) Pre Tender Meeting will be held on **01-10-2022 at 16.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Chief Engineer (Road Infrastructure).** 4) Tenders must be Submitted Online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 17.30 Hrs. on 07-10-2022.** 5) Technical Bids will be Opened on **10-10-2022 at 10.00 Hrs. at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Road Infrastructure - Yelahanka Division).** Further details can be had from the above office

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No: EE/SWD/RRZ/TEND/05/2022-23 Date: 22.09.2022

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"Providing Project Management Consultancy Services for "Construction / Remodeling of Primary, Secondary Storm Water Drains, Culverts/Bridges & Allied works of SWD spread out at various locations in Rajarajeshwari Nagar Constituency of RR Zone Under GOK Grant of 2022-23 PMC Package-03 (Action Plan 330, 334, 337, 339, 340, 341, 342, 344, 345, 346, 347)	4575.00	92,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) RFP documents may be downloaded from the e-proc website from **23.09.2022** at **4:00 pm** onwards. (2) Pre-bid meeting date on **26.09.2022** from **4:00** pm. (3) Last Date for Receipt of tender documents is **01.10.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bids is on **03.10.2022** at **4:30** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or the website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer SWD, R.R.Nagara Zone

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CET: HC allows govt. to act on experts' report

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order while disposing of the appeals filed by the government and the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) questioning a single-judge bench's order of September 3, which had set aside the ranks swarded to CET repeaters without considering their second PU marks of 2021.

After going to the committee's report, the division bench orally told Additional Advocate General Dhyan Chinnappa, who represented the government, and advocate N.K. Ramesh, who represented the KEA, that both the authorities have done 'a remarkable job' in finding a solution for an unusual issue. The committee was set up on September 20 after the bench, on September 19, asked both the authorities to explore the possibility of an amicable solution.

Solution suggested by expert committee

The committee had suggested application of root mean square (RMS) method for 'normalising' the higher marks marks awarded for students who passed second PU in 2021 without writing the exam in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the marks of the students who passed second PU in 2022 after appearing for written exams.

The application of RMS method would result in deduction of an average six marks in physics, five marks in chemistry, and seven marks in mathematics for every student who passed second PU in 2021. The KEA, after the process of 'normalisation' of marks of CET repeaters, would assign fresh ranks for all the candidates of CET 2022 – who wrote second PU in 2021 and in 2022 – by considering second PU and CET marks in 50:50 ratio. The division bench made it clear that the 'normalisation' of marks of students who passed second PU in 2021 would be only for the limited purpose of assigning ranks for the CET, and not for any other purpose.

A few students, who passed second PU in 2021, had filed petitions questioning non-consideration of 50% of their second PU marks for allotting ranks, and a single-judge bench had directed the KEA to re-do the ranking by considering marks in 50:50 ratio even for them, as was done for students who passed second PU in 2022.

The government and the KEA had moved the division bench contending that marks of the students who passed II PU in 2021 cannot be considered as they were awarded on the higher side through a special methodology without holding exams.

Top court stays Lokayukta probe against Yediyurappa

Investigation is based on a private complaint levelling graft allegation in a housing project of Bangalore Development Authority against the BJP leader and former Karnataka Chief Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

B.S. Yediyurappa

The Supreme Court on September 23, 2022 stayed a Lokayukta probe against former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on the basis of a private complaint levelling graft allegations against him.

A Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud issued notice to the respondent, Abraham T.J., an activist and president of the Karnataka Anti-Graft and Environmental Forum, who had filed a complaint that Mr. Yediyurappa received ₹12.5 crore as bribe from a construction company in connection with a housing project of Bangalore Development Authority (BDA).

The Special Court had refused to order an investigation for want of sanction even though it had found that "there are some material to refer the complaint for investigation".

However, the Karnataka High Court had restored the corruption complaint, following which, Mr. Yediyurappa had moved the Supreme Court in a special leave petition.

Advocates Mukul Rohatgi and Siddharth Dave, for Mr. Yediyurappa, said the High Court could not have restored the case without obtaining prior sanction.

The opposite side countered that no prior sanction was required for a special court to order a probe.

"The bar for enquiry, inquiry or investigation under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, without previous approval is only a fetter on the power of the police authorities. Wherever the court itself is in seisin of a private complaint and proceeds to order for investigation by the authorities pursuant to order under Section 156(3) of Cr.P.C., such a bar under Section 17A of the P.C. Act would not be an embargo on the court's power," the Karnataka High Court had said.

HC deems PFI's hartal as contempt of its order

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Grave loss: A KSRTC staff member inspecting a bus which was damaged during the PFI protest in Kottayam. VISHNU PRATHAP

Observing that the hartal called by the Popular Front of India (PFI) *prima facie* amounted to contempt of earlier High Court orders on the conduct of hartals, a Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Friday impleaded the Popular Front of India and its general secretary A. Abdul Sathar as respondents in a *suo motu* case pending against the call for flash hartals.

The Bench had earlier directed that political parties or any person or association of persons which calls for hartal and general strike should give public notice seven days in advance.

8 Telangana Congress leaders may get ED notices

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

About eight Congress leaders in Telangana are said to be expecting notices from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seeking clarifications on the donations they made to the *National Herald* when the management wanted to settle pending salaries and other benefits to employees. Sources said the ED notices were getting ready. The agency said even Congress leaders were expecting notices to be served on them.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim and Bihar. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Haryana, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1	33.7	27.2	Kozhikode	—	33.6	24.4
Ahmedabad	—	32.6	24.9	Kurnool	—	33.5	22.9
Aizawl	—	—	—	Lucknow	2	33.1	25.7
Allahabad	—	34.0	26.2	Madurai	—	37.6	23.4
Bengaluru	—	28.9	19.7	Mangaluru	—	29.6	22.6
Bhopal	5.6	25.0	21.8	Mumbai	6	31.0	22.4
Bhubaneswar	5	31.4	25.9	Mysuru	—	30.7	21.2
Chandigarh	2.9	30.8	24.9	New Delhi	72	27.6	22.4
Chennai	—	36.5	28.4	Patna	—	35.1	27.6
Coimbatore	—	33.0	22.0	Port Blair	15	31.0	22.7
Dehradun	23	26.9	22.8	Puducherry	—	36.7	25.2
Gangtok	5.8	20.0	17.8	Pune	—	28.9	20.2
Goa	—	30.9	23.5	Raipur	10.4	30.5	24.5
Guwahati	0.6	33.2	25.6	Ranchi	—	31.0	23.4
Hubballi	—	28.0	19.0	Shillong	0.5	23.0	16.4
Hyderabad	4	30.7	21.0	Shimla	17	19.4	15.0
Imphal	—	29.9	20.6	Srinagar	—	29.8	13.7
Jaipur	5	29.6	24.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.5	23.9
Kochi	0.2	31.2	24.4	Tiruchi	—	36.7	25.0
Kohima	—	25.0	17.6	Vijayawada	0.7	34.0	24.7
Kolkata	—	35.0	27.0	Visakhapatnam	2	32.7	26.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	36	51	103	39	75	Moderate
Bengaluru	7	30	50	49	132	Moderate
Chennai	3	61	72	85	76	Good
Delhi	7	116	32	67	64	Moderate
Hyderabad	9	2	127	41	61	Moderate
Kolkata	6	24	10	42	53	Good
Lucknow	11	37	85	48	58	Good
Mumbai	—	110	40	51	50	Moderate
Pune	—	27	65	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	19	61	30	88	107	Moderate

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Aurangabad, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 178 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Kochi, Kerala recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: 903/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/Civil/22-23/Cys-29 Date: 23.09.2022
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
KPTCL invites bids for **Repairs and Maintenance Works** coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi. The detailed notification regarding the works can be obtain from the office of the undersigned & from the Office Notice Board.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Trans. (W & M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidhyuth Nagar, Karwar Road, Hubballi - 580 024.

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022
CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553
TENDER ALERT
1)E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC-14/2022-23: Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2x20 MVA, 132/33 kV Grid S/S with SAS (Process Bus based), Rampur at Agalpur with associated 132kV LILO Transmission line (Approx. Line Length-1.5KM) on 132kV Bolangir-Barpali SC line, at an Estimated Cost of the Package fo Rs.30.51 Crore in Bolangir district of Odisha on Turkey Contract Basis.
Complete set of bidding documents are available on the tender portal: **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in**.
HIPR-24/2022-23 Sd/- SGM(CPC)
CAO-1917 OIPR-04011/11/0003/2223

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - Yelahanka Division, N.R. Sqaure, Bengaluru-560002.
No.EE/RI/YNK/TEND/11/2022-23 Date: 23.09.2022
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)
The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - Yelahanka Division, invites Proposals (Technical & Financial) from eligible consultants for appointing Consultant for Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the work detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Consultancy Services for Construction Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the works of Restoration of Road cut portion done by BWSSB at Srirampura main road, Kenchenahalli main road, Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan Main Road, Vidyaranyapura road, GKVK road, Rachenahalli road, Mariyappanapalya road, Bellahalli Junction, Bhadrappa layout, Sampigehalli main road, and Bagalur main road.	50,000/-

1) Availability of RFP Documents from : **26.09.2022** onwards. **2)** Last date for receipt of queries : **01.10.2022, upto 15:00 Hrs. 3)** Pre bid meeting : **01.10.2022 at 16:00 Hrs. 4)** Last date for uploading filled proposals : **07.10.2022 upto 17:30 Hrs. 5)** Date of opening of technical proposals: **10.10.2022 at 10.00 Hrs.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpdesk at : 080-25501216 / 25501217.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure -Yelahanka Division.
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA E.mail :- eerwssbp@gmail.com
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, R.W.S & S DIVISION, SAMBALPUR
"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No. RWSS (SBP):- 09 / 2022-23
1. Name of the Work : CONSTRUCTION OF DIVISION OFFICE BUILDING AT RWWS&S CAMPUS, AINTHAPALI, SAMBALPUR.
2. Total Number of Work : 01 Nos (One)
3. Estimated Cost : Rs.139.09 lakhs
4. Class of Contractor : B & A
5. Period of Completion : 8 Months

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding From	To
Executive Engineer, RWSS Division, Sambalpur	RWSS (SBP) :- 09 / 2022-23	30.09.2022	up to 5.00 PM of 12.10.2022

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "www.tendersorissa.gov.in".
Subsequent corrigendum if required shall be appeared in the website only.
O-1031 Executive Engineer, R.W.S&S. Division, Sambalpur.
OIPR-25015/11/0005/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER, SUBARNAREKHA & BUDHABALANGA BASIN, AT/PO:- LAXMIPOSI, DIST:-MAYURBHANJ, PIN-757107
Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No.- 12/22-23 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi

i.	Name of Work	"Construction of black topping Road from RD 0.00 KM to RD 12.10 KM of Feeder Channel off-taking from RD 17910M of B.B.C. under S.I.P."
ii.	Estimated Cost (Lakh)	Rs.662.33 Lakh
iii.	Period of Completion	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
iv.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	26.09.2022 at 10.00 AM
v.	Last date / time for receipt of bid in the portal	15.10.2022 up to 5.00 PM
vi.	Name & Address of the D.I.T.	Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, O/o the CE&BM, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal "https://tendersodisha.gov.in".
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi.
cebmsbb2019@gmail.com
A-518 OIPR-32429/11/0015/2223

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)
Karnataka Housing Board invites tender for Appointment of Project Management Consultant (PMC) in Karnataka Housing Board through E-Procurement for the below mentioned projects.
Construction of Minority Welfare Department Morarji Desai Central Navodaya type Residential School PU College work details.

Sl. No.	Name of Place	Work Indent No.
1	Raichur District, Sindnoor Taluk, Gorebala Hobli, Chinnalli Village -1st Phase (Central Navodaya Residential School)	KHB/CE/PMC/MDRS-PUC/NIT No. 115/2022-23/ CALL-2, Date: 21.09.2022
2	Davanagere District, Harihara Taluk, Kondajji Village (PU College)	KHB/CE/PMC/MDRS-PUC/NIT No. 116/2022-23/ CALL-2, Date: 21.09.2022
3	Kalaburgi District, Chittapura Taluk, Satnoor Village - 2nd Phase (Central Navodaya Residential School)	KHB/CE/PMC/MDRS-PUC/NIT No. 117/2022-23/ CALL-2, Date: 21.09.2022
4	Vijayanagara District, Hospete Taluk, Jambhunathanahalli Village (PU College)	KHB/CE/PMC/MDRS-PUC/NIT No. 118/2022-23/ CALL-2, Date: 21.09.2022

Last date for submission of bid is on 07.10.2022 up to 4.00 PM
For more information contact below mentioned office address **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bangalore, Telephone No. 080-22273511/080-22100077, website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
DIPR/CP/2352/AKAR/22-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE
Our clients, Sri.Naveen Mitra and Mrs.Grace.J, W/o.Naveen Mitra are transacting with the Owner Smt.P.Sujatha, W/o S. Mahesh in respect of the Vacant Site bearing No.21, formed in converted Land bearing Sy.No.20/15, New Sy.No.136, Khata No.3532, situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Begur Sub Division, Ward No.192, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.Ft, more fully described in the schedule here under. If any person/s or Financial Institution/s or Bank/s etc., has/have any claim or right over the schedule property they should file his/her/their objection/s in writing along with supporting documents to the undersigned within seven days from the date of this notice. If no objections are received from anyone within the stipulated time it will be presumed that nobody has any objection and our clients will proceed to conclude the transaction in respect of the schedule property.
SCHEDULE
All the piece and parcel of the Vacant Site bearing No.21, formed in converted Land bearing Sy.No.20/15, New Sy.No.136, Khata No.3532, situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, Begur Sub Division, Ward No.192, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.Ft and bounded on the **East by:** Site No.28, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Site No.22.
G. Sanjay, Advocate
No.807, "Jyothi", 5th Main Road, Vijayanagar, BENGALURU-560 040.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that, my clients **Smt. P Anantha Lakshmi**, W/o. Sri. B.J Prashantha **and Sri. B.J Prashantha**, Aged 46 years S/o. Sri. Jayashankar Boodnoor Ananthanamaiah, Both residing at No.A-107, 1st Floor, Rainbow waterfront, Uttarahalli Kengeri Main Road, Opp: Uttarahalli Lake, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061 intend to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri. S.A Mahesh Sharma**, S/o. Sri. S.A Anantha Murthy, **Smt. Anupama Mahesh**, W/o. Sri. S.A Mahesh Sharma, both residing at No.22, 'Eshavasyam' 2nd Main Road, Near Raghavendra Swamy Temple, Motappa Garden, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085. The Seller came into the possession, occupation and ownership of the Schedule property by virtue of registered Sale Deed dated 27.02.2020, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavangudi (Banashankari) bearing Document No. BSK-1-15296-2019-20, Book-I, Stored in CD No.768 executed by Smt. Rekha Nagabhushan and Sri. Gowri Soumi. Any person/s claiming to have any charge, lien, interest, minor claims, rights, whatsoever over the Schedule Property may lodge their claim with the undersigned with original documentary proof **within 6 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our clients will treat that there are no objections or claims in respect of the Schedule Property. No claims will be entertained thereafter and our clients will proceed with the sale transaction.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing **site No.40, Present BBMP Khata No.1132/840, old BBMP Khatha No.539/533/1,2,3/840**, presently under the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.160, Rajarajeshwarinagar, formed in residentially converted **converted SY No. 8**, converted from agricultural land to non-agricultural residential purpose vide their Official Memorandum No.ALN(S)(I)(DS) SR/105/08-09 dated 18.07.2009, issued by the Special District Commissioner, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore South Taluk, and measuring:- East to West 50 feet, North to South 30 feet; together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows:- On the
East by : Road
west by : Site No.57
North by : Site No.41
South by : Site No. 39
Smt. Pallavi.K Advocate
No.21-25, Maruthi Pearl Plaza, DVG Road, Basavangudi, Bengaluru 560004
Mobile: 9739831357

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD, CHITRADURGA.
ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, 1 ನೇ ಹಂತ, 5 ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್,
ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ-577501 ದೂ:08194-234970
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)
Work Indent No:KuwsDB/2022-23/DW/WORK-INDENT 3225 Name of work Providing manpower services on outsource basis for the O & M at Jackwell, WTP-1, WTP-2, Raw / Pure water rising main, Pure water gravity mains from BPT to 42 villages of Chitradurga district and WTP-2 to 4 villages Davanagere district for the period from Oct-2022 to March-2023 under O & M of Providing WSS to Sirigere, Bharamasagara & 45 enroute villages with Shanthi sagar as source under DC works of RDPR for year 2022-23. Amount put to Tender: Rs.23,65,410/-. Bid Security: Rs.60,000/-. Tender Processing fees: As per e-Procurement Portal. Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders: 07-10-2022 upto 17.30 hours. Date and Time of hours. Opening of Technical Bid: 11-10-2022 after 11.00 For further details, Tender inviting authority Executive Engineer, KUWS & D.Board, Division, Chitradurga may please be contacted. e-procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
DIPR/CTA/MCA/555/2022-23 Sd/-Executive Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Division Chitradurga.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕನೀನಿನಿ ಎಂ.ಬಿ.ಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ.1, ಗದ್ದನಕೇರಿ ಕ್ರಾಂಸ್ : ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ Phone no:08354-297046, email ID: eeknnlbgk@gmail.com
EE/KNNL/MBC/Dn.1/Bagalkote/SLIS/TENDER/2022-23/865 ದಿನಾಂಕ:23.09.2022
:ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಶೀಘ್ರವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ:(4701) (ಟರ್ನಕೀ)
(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)
ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ ಎಂ.ಬಿ.ಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 1, ಗದ್ದನಕೇರಿ, ಕ್ರಾಂಸ್ :ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಟರ್ನಕೀ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ರೂಲ್ 28ರನ್ವಯ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ವಿಧಾನವನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ತಮ್ಮ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ವಿಧಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು.
ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು:Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Lift Irrigation System (Head Works consisting of construction of Intake Canal, Jack well cum pump house, Vertical Turbine pumps coupled to HT Motors, Power supply including terminal bay, 110 KV Electrical Sub Station, Transmission line, Rising Main and Delivery Chamber) for providing irrigation facility to suffering command from Bagalkot distributary to Ingalagi distributary covering an ICA of 10224.57 Ha in Bagalkot, Badami and Hunagunda taluk, Bagalkot District by lifting water from right bank of Ghataprabha River near Mallapur Village including Operation and Maintenance for a period of 5 years after successful completion of work for SHIRUR LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME on Turn-Key Basis
ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂ. KNNL/2022-23/LI/WORK_INDENT34080
ಟೆಂಡರಗಿನ್ನ ಮೊತ್ತ (ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಯೊಂದಿಗೆ):ರೂ.231.75 ಕೋಟಿಗಳು (Approx.), ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:ರೂ.2.32 ಕೋಟಿಗಳು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸುವ ಅವಧಿ: 18 ತಿಂಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸೇರಿ), ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: KPWD Class I Contractor
ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ/ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳು/ ಇಎಂಡಿ/ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಳ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08354-297046 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.
ಸಹಿ/- (ಸಿ.ಎಂ.ದೊಡಮನಿ) ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಎಂ.ಬಿ.ಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 1, ಗದ್ದನಕೇರಿ, ಕ್ರಾಂಸ್ : ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.
DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-466/MCA/2022-23

Currency pressure

RBI will have to ensure price stability and prevent further rupee weakening

The rupee is yet again facing renewed pressure, along with major peers, as the dollar continues to strengthen in the wake of the Federal Reserve's latest jumbo 75 basis points interest rate increase and the U.S. central bank's unequivocal message that it remains squarely focused on taming inflation. The Indian currency weakened past the 81-mark against the dollar for the first time ever in Friday's intraday trade, before ending the week at a new record closing low. The rupee's slide was softened by the Reserve Bank of India's intervention to smoothen volatility; the cumulative impact of such interventions over the 12 months through September 16 have shrunk the RBI's war chest of foreign exchange reserves by almost $94 billion to $545.65 billion. The fact that the rupee is not alone in depreciating against the dollar can be of little comfort to Indian companies reliant on imports of raw materials or services for the smooth functioning of their businesses. They are struggling to contend with rising costs at a time when domestic demand is still to regain a durable post-pandemic footing. The higher import bill is also bound to add inflationary pressures to an economy already beset by persistently elevated inflation and further complicates monetary policymakers' efforts to rein in the price gains.

The rupee's more than 8% depreciation against the dollar so far in 2022, with almost all of the weakening having occurred in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, has also largely offset whatever gains that may accrue from the fact that the price of the Indian basket of crude oil has now retreated substantially and is close to its pre-war levels. Overseas portfolio investors too have once again turned net sellers of Indian stocks and debt in the last two sessions after having resumed their purchases of local assets in August and for most of this month. As a result, so far in 2022, FPIs have in total dumped $20.6 billion of Indian equity and debt following three straight years of net investments. And the Fed's projection of further steep monetary tightening, of at least another 125 basis points, is only likely to lead to more outflows over the last quarter of this year. With the rupee's real effective exchange rate (REER), or trade-weighted average of its value, also signalling that the Indian currency is still overvalued, the RBI's rate setting panel will have a fine tightrope to walk next week as it battles to restore a semblance of price stability without choking growth and by ensuring the rupee does not weaken too sharply.

Ageing regime

Iran's failure to usher in political, social reforms is triggering violent protests

The death of a young Iranian-Kurdish woman while in the custody of the morality police has triggered nationwide protests in the Islamic Republic, bringing the clerical regime under public pressure yet again. Twenty-two-year-old Mahsa Amini had been detained earlier this month for allegedly wearing the *hijab* (headscarf) in an "improper" way. The authorities attributed her death three days later to a heart attack while being trained on *hijab* rules, but her parents and activists say she was beaten to death. The incident triggered widespread anger in a country where state suppression of women's rights and resistance has always been a big political issue. Several cities, including Tehran, the capital, and Mashhad, a conservative city that hosts one of Shia Islam's holiest shrines, saw demonstrators chanting slogans against the clerical establishment and women publicly burning *hijabs*. Rights groups say some 36 people, including security personnel, have been killed in seven days. These are the most notable mass protests since the 2019 agitations sparked by a rise in fuel prices, and a key political challenge for President Ebrahim Raisi, who took office last year. As in the past, the regime has made it clear that it would use force to quell the protests, with the Revolutionary Guard Corps terming the protesters "traitors" and urging the authorities to "crush" them.

The mandatory *hijab* rules were introduced in 1981, two years after the revolution that saw the fall of the Pahlavi monarchy and the seizure of power by the Shia clergy. While the Mullahs have since built a system of clerical dictatorship with limited democratic practices, two things have remained constant – state-sponsored conservatism and social repression. This model also produced constant tensions between the rulers and the ruled; those tensions have become more prominent in recent years as the political experiments to reform the system from within failed and economic miseries mounted because of American sanctions. In the last 25 years, Iranians elected two reformist Presidents for two terms – Mohammad Khatami in 1997 and Hassan Rouhani in 2013. But they failed to make any substantial reforms in the political system, which is tightly controlled by the clerical establishment. The lack of reforms and ballooning economic and political pressure often triggered large-scale protests and violent repression – in 2009, 2019, and now in 2022. Protests are part of the political culture in democracies. But in a dictatorship that claims the legacy of a politico-religious revolution, repeated protests chanting slogans such as "death to the dictator" are signs that the Islamic revolution is ageing. Iran's clergy should learn from the social strife and be ready to address the larger problems that its state and society face.

The Global South's assertion in geopolitics

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The international system is witnessing geopolitical changes and a push for competitive great power hegemony. The United States leads with its goal for primacy in the international system. The U.S.'s national security documents advocate curbing China's rise, weakening Russia's capabilities, securing Europe behind U.S. leadership and building satellite alliances with countries which conform to U.S. interests and values. But other players have different agendas and the Global South matters more than before.

China is the 'near peer', but in reality is no match to the U.S. militarily. Given its phenomenal economic reach that widened during globalisation, China began building counter institutions. It looked for accommodation with the U.S. in its 'peaceful rise' project. As the U.S. found this unacceptable, China turned from partner to competitor to threat.

Experiences with the West as a factor

Russia, with its vast natural resources and military capability, has shown capacity to assert its will in global geopolitics. The Russian aggression in Ukraine confirms the view of U.S. strategists who would like to weaken Russian capabilities. Further, they see Russia especially when in alliance with China or any other country as dangerous to U.S. geopolitics. Russian aggression against Ukraine and the terrible war of attrition have been a geopolitical watershed. The U.S. is using this conjuncture for global primacy. Europe is now firmly behind the U.S.'s strategic plans and is re-militarising. The developing Sino-Russian strategic partnership 'without limits' is the clearly defined enemy other for the West. So, the only speed breaker is the Global South.

Countries of the Global South, especially India, China and others, are being blamed for the failing sanctions against Russia in the context of the Ukraine war. The truth is that the Global South, with a few exceptions (except seven), wants a quick and negotiated end to this terrible war; all oppose the sanctions regime and all advocate neutrality. The reasons for neutrality include: the needs for regime survival especially because many in the South are dependent on Russian energy, fuel, fertilizers, wheat, commodities and defence equipment. They have memories of colonialism and recent interventions such as Iraq (2003), Lebanon (1982, 2006), Libya (2011), Afghanistan (2001-21), Yemen (2010-on) Syria (supporting Jordan), Mali, etc.

The Global South has new agency in a changing world, with several countries finding that neutrality and strategic autonomy have become a viable option

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Recent experiences such as the refusal by the West to grant a one-time exception for patents for the COVID-19 vaccine have not helped either. Media images of the way refugees from the South are treated in contrast to the welcome to Ukrainian refugees have revealed the unsurprising racism. Many countries of the South believe that they are unlikely to get western help when they need it the most. In such circumstances Russia is not seen as a threat in the Global South.

China marches on

China's expanding military footprint is problematic for many countries in Asia. China's 'grey zone' policies – of creeping expansionism, violation of maritime zones in the South China Seas and elsewhere – have antagonised several countries which include Vietnam, Indonesia, India and the Philippines. But even then, most of these Southern countries would not like to be a part of security or military alliances with either the West or the Russian or Chinese sides. For example, the security pact that China (May 2022) offered to 10 Pacific island nations did not find favour with them (the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands, Niue, and the Federated States of Micronesia). They also did not agree to China's 'Common Development Vision'.

The U.S. response to this neutrality has been to put massive pressure for sanctions on Russia and build threat narratives about China. But there has been an unprecedented pushback from the South that wants to make its own strategic choices. For example, the U.S. Congress recently passed a bill – "Countering Malign Russian Activities in Africa Act" – that advocates pressuring, monitoring, and punishing African states and leaders who engage with Russia. In response, the South African Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor in a press conference – U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken was present – said no African country could be bullied and described this U.S. Bill as "offensive legislation". Ms. Pandor called for diplomacy and urged: "African countries that wish to relate to China, let them do so, in whatever the particular form of relationship of their choice" (August 22, 2022). She also reminded Mr. Blinken of the plight of Palestine under occupation.

On its part, China is waiving debt owed by 17 African countries (for 23 interest-free loans that were due in 2021) – as India did in 2003. There has been similar pushback from Latin America and the West Asian countries. Of course regional powers also work with the U.S. to project their own power – for example Saudi Arabia vis-à-vis Iran. Smaller states do a balancing act between regional powers – as Sri Lanka does between India and China.

Stronger countries of the Global South such as India have used their leverage to negotiate with multiple sides. India increased oil purchases from Russia, shrugging off western pressure. India has a military Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) with the U.S.; at the same time it has developed the International North South Transport Corridor connecting Russia and India via central Asia and Iran with three sanctioned states. It participates in military exercises such as the U.S.-led RIMPAC (the Rim of the Pacific Exercise, and one of the world's largest maritime exercises) but also sends a military contingent for the Vostok exercises (one of exercises Moscow routinely conducts) with Russia and China. So, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Turkey and others have developed the capacity to transact with competing and conflicting sides.

Moving to geoeconomics

The South's choices are extending slowly to geoeconomics. The fear of the U.S. strategy of freezing dollar reserves has made the South cautious. Further, there is the U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's recent announcement about U.S. trade policies of 're-shoring' and 'friend-shoring' – meaning trade between allies. This is leading the South to gradually find ways of bypassing the dollar in bilateral trade by using local currencies. Currency swap arrangements are used by China and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)+ 3 countries; India with Russia and 23 other countries. This does not mean the end of dollar dominance, but alternate paths are opening up for them.

In sum, the Global South has new agency. Multilateral institutions, ranging from BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and the African Union, to ASEAN, and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, have given it new confidence. Several countries including India, Brazil, South Africa, Indonesia and Malaysia have become economic powerhouses, albeit with their own inequalities and domestic problems. In these circumstances, neutrality and strategic autonomy have become a viable though not a normative option.

The Global South has made a statement on its development, for better terms for trade for which it needs strategic autonomy. If the Global South were to voice collective concerns on existential threats from climate change, ecological devastation, inequalities and increasing militarisation, and work in plural inclusive ways, it could make the world a better place for itself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Refreshed, @144

I live in Mulund in Mumbai and the family subscribes to four newspapers. We were introduced to *The Hindu* whenever my father-in-law came to visit us from Coimbatore. He insisted that it had to be only *The Hindu* for him. As a retired journalist from the Press Trust of India, reading the newspaper was his ritual. From the date line on the first page to the last word on the last page, every line was scanned and keenly read. On one of his visits in the early 1990s, we had to search for a person or a vendor who could get us the previous day's issue. Since then, we too have become regular readers. The new look is very appealing to me. My father in-law — he faded away — is sure to have given his thumbs up. Because if it is *The Hindu*, everything about it is perfect.

Jayashree Krishnamoorthy,
Mumbai

Even after 144 years, the daily still looks fresh and appealing. The redesign makes it look radiant. I bank on *The Hindu* in my preparations for various competitive examinations. The clarity on socio, political, economic and cultural issues is of great help. Apart from the good design, I hope that attention is paid to publishing well-written articles.

Challapalli Neeharika,
Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

I am absolutely delighted with the strikingly attractive look of my 'long-time' favourite daily. The new design helps a reader navigate with ease from one story to another; now, the day starts with cheer. I have always believed *The Hindu* to be a mini library and the new design enhances this.

B.K. Chandrashekar,
Bengaluru

I am sending my comments by snail mail and hope my letter finds a place in this column. I have been a reader since 1951 and find the changes to the font and layout make reading *The Hindu* easy. With the use of bigger pictures, the news reports are catchy.

P.K. Krishna Narayan,
Chennai

The new look is eye-catching and elegant. The timely change in design without deviating from the original track is praiseworthy. I am sure that it conforms to the visual aesthetics that readers have in mind, which will definitely enhance readership.

J. Radhakrishna Kurup,
Ettumanoor, Kottayam, Kerala

I am not 'a long-time reader' of *The Hindu*, but have every right to express my joy in experiencing the benefits of the new design: better layouts, typefaces in bold font and lines under headings that help a nascent reader and learner of the English language like me. The underlining of certain words is a great help to me in expanding my vocabulary.

Shiju Thalikunju,
Secunderabad

The imprint took me back to the past when as a boy, in Class six, I held my first copy of *The Hindu*. Our paperboy had delivered the copy — a noteworthy edition indeed — subscribed by my pater from Africa, all the way to Udupi, Karnataka. I soon took to the paper. After reading the September 20, 2022 edition, my heart went out to my parents who had introduced me to the paper, and my mother, in particular, who helped me read reports and understand them since I was not very conversant in English then. The new changes, such as bolder and sharper fonts, typefaces, better cutlines, leads, and a better hierarchy in the layout, are a feast for the eyes. Reading the daily now results in a wide grin.

Naman Ravi Argekar,
Udupi, Karnataka

I began reading *The Hindu* from 1996, but became an online reader a year ago as my village is quite far from Kakinada town, where one can get a copy of *The Hindu*. I am unable to make a comparison with other dailies, as getting a copy of these dailies is difficult where I live. But the new look — the third such exercise in improvement since I began subscribing to the daily — is a great and visual treat.

N.S.R. Sastri,
Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

The "bold and beautiful" *The Hindu* is elegant and draws in the reader. I hope there will be fewer advertisements now, at least on the first few pages. I began my newspaper reading habit just a year ago. Earlier, and when I was younger, I used to spend a lot of time looking at the catchy advertisements and film advertisements in *The Hindu*. We live in an era of consumerism, but now I want the news without distractions.

Nivedhita Gopinath,
Chennai

I am a septuagenarian and an avid reader for over five decades. The eye-friendly font size is the highlight of the new design. The disappointing aspect is that the Editorials look a bit cramped — there needs to be space to formulate viewpoints based on an objective analysis of events and opposing or conflicting opinions.

K.V. Chandra mouli,
Mysuru

The Hindu has been the daily the family has read since the 1950s. My grandfather began reading it when he was 13 years old; my father was next. and it is now me. Apart from being a perfect daily, it has become a part of the family, evoking strong emotions. The new design is cleaner, sharper and bolder.

R.K. Thevatarhsni,
Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu

The changes such as the underlining of straplines and headings are of help in note-taking for a reader like me who is busy preparing for competitive examinations under the Union Public Service Commission.

Prabhat Modi,
Patna, Bihar

I was getting the printed version till a few months ago and switched to the online edition to save on costs. But after having a look at the 'newly wed bride' look of the paper, which I thought to be more appealing, I intend to subscribe for the printed version from October. I second the views of some readers that the 'Letters to the Editor' column needs more space. I started letter writing only from 2016 at the age of 65. I would not be exaggerating things in sharing this anecdote: whenever I am introduced to someone at a function or get-together by a friend or relative, one of lines is 'he writes letters in *The Hindu*'. I find my stock going up instantly. Finding one's name printed in the paper is special. The paper could go in for innovation at regular intervals. The gentleman who devised the new format [Dr. Mario Garcia] deserves praise for the new look.

V. Subramanian,
Chennai

My congratulations for reaching 144 years. I have been a regular reader since 1964 — my father's advice to improve my English was to read the paper without skipping the Editorials and the letters. The new design is appealing with its fresh look.

V.V. Naganathan,
Chennai

The new design is even more attractive than the previous one. I hope that the daily continues to be a great source of information.

Pilat N.,
Begambur, Tamil Nadu

The 'bold and beautiful look' does work well for many readers. There are many readers, in their seventies, eighties and nineties, still with *The Hindu*. Many of us hope to see the daily reach the double century mark.

J.P. Reddy,
Nalgonda, Telangana

I am a young reader, 18 years old, and in awe of the new, bolder and sharper design. Maintaining its legacy of customer satisfaction, the redesign is perhaps the best version; it ensures a seamless read!.

Parul Khicha,
New Delhi

I am not in agreement with the general impression that there is something refreshing and magical about the new look. As someone whose day begins with *The Hindu*, I prefer the old format and style. Bolder and more legible letters cannot be a value addition. We are used to reading the daily in an established and accustomed manner and happy with it.
This makeover is quite uncalled for. Now, reading the new look *The Hindu* makes one feel that it is a different newspaper altogether. The literary quotient of the daily is unsurpassable. If the desire was to want to make it even better, the aim should have been to try something different. In fact, any ardent reader may not have expected this transition. There could have been an attempt to ask for feedback from those who treat the daily as a close family member.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

The outpouring of admiration for the new look of *The Hindu* has been unbelievable. But, there is no real difference as far as I can see when one makes a comparison with the other dailies. An as avid reader of the daily for over four decades, I feel sad that in the redesign, the paper has lost its elegant look.

Prabhu Raj R.,
Bengaluru

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On the run: A dog trapper, deployed in Kottayam, captures a stray for administering anti-rabies vaccine. VISHNU PRATHAP

On the trail of rabies cases in Kerala

The death of a 12-year-old girl in Pathanamthitta has sharpened the focus on the rising number of rabies cases and the growing population of stray dogs in Kerala. With the Supreme Court expected to pass an interim order on the issue next week, **K.S. Sudhi** talks to public health experts as well as petitioners to map the situation

Twelve-year-old Abhirami, of Mannappuzha in Perinad Panchayat of Pathanamthitta, was returning home early in the morning on August 13 after collecting milk bottles from a nearby house, when a German Shepherd pounced on her. A karate champion with three titles under her belt, Abhirami bravely fought the dog and tried to escape from its clutches. By the time she succeeded in freeing herself, the dog had inflicted deep wounds on her right cheek just below the eye and on her limbs. Though she was administered three doses of the anti-rabies vaccine, on September 5 she succumbed to the deadly virus while undergoing treatment at the Government Medical College, Kottayam.

"She might have been destined to live up to the age of 12. Had she received proper primary care at the hospital where she was initially admitted, she would have survived. Nothing can fill the void caused by her death," says Abhirami's mother, Rajani Hareesh, her calm demeanour cloaking the grief that has engulfed her.

Abhiraj, one of her classmates, had rushed to the scene upon hearing her wailing, and miraculously escaped unhurt. "No one could save her from the animal as all were helpless and scared of going near it. Eventually, she succeeded in freeing herself from the beast by pushing it away with her legs," recalls Rajani.

The tragic death of the young girl drew a wave of protests across Kerala, forcing the State government to constitute a high-level committee to look into issues related to stray dogs. Until the third week of September, 21 rabies deaths have been reported from the State this year. Reports of stray dogs attacking pedestrians as well as motorists pour in regularly from different parts of the State.

According to data available with the State Health Department, the number of dog bite cases reported in the State has been going up considerably – from over 60,000 in 2013 to 1.37 lakh in 2016; and while around 2.2 lakh cases were reported in 2021, this year, the figure had already crossed 2 lakh by August.

Canine count

The canine population in Kerala has gone up significantly since the 19th Livestock Census held in 2012. The number of dogs has been estimated at 11.2 lakh during the 20th Livestock Census, 2019, against 7.88 lakh a decade ago.

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> **K. SINDHU**
> Additional Director, DAH

The latest census has put the stray dog population at 2.89 lakh. The 8.36 lakh pet dogs too add to the State's canine population, according to the latest headcount.

While the highest number of street dogs were reported from Kollam (50,869), the State capital, Thiruvananthapuram, accounted for the highest number of pet dogs, 1.25 lakh, according to the data generated during the 20th Livestock Census, which was made available by the Directorate of Animal Husbandry (DAH), Kerala.

"The last two years have witnessed the canine population going up significantly as the Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme for dogs was disrupted during the COVID-19 years," says K. Sindhu, Additional Director, DAH. "A large number of people purchased pet dogs to fight the COVID-induced monotony in life when a ban on travel and social gatherings was in force. Higher the number of dogs in a community means higher the possibility of dog bites too."

Statistics available with the State Institute for Animal Diseases (SIAD), Kerala, also indicate an upward trend in the number of rabies-positive cases during the last four years.

"There has been an increase in the number of rabies-positive cases in dogs over the past few years. While 97 cases tested positive in 261 samples analysed in 2018, it was 153 cases in 372 samples in 2019, and 221 cases in 573 samples in 2021 analysed at the five centres of the State Institute of Animal Diseases, Kerala," says Swapna Susan Abraham, Deputy Director of the institute. The department is in the process of compiling the data for the current year.

While the rising number of rabies-positive cases could also be due to an increase in the number of samples tested each year, the numbers are nonetheless an indicator of the spread of the disease to humans from animals. Fully vaccinating dogs in a locality and achieving herd immunity is the only way to protect both animals and human beings from the deadly disease, Abraham says.

Kerala Health Minister Veena George has announced an action plan to make Kerala free of rabies deaths by 2025, which would see the departments of health, local self-government, and animal husbandry coming together to implementing the ABC programme and vaccination of dogs. Under the ABC programme, dogs are picked up from streets for vaccination and sterilisation, and are kept under observation for a few days before being returned to the same place.

Scope for research

Some medical experts have called for a scientific study into a possible mutation of the rabies virus. T. Jayakrishnan, a professor of community medicine at KMCT Medical College, Mukkam, Kozhikode, says there could be a change in its virulence and transmission, which needs to be looked into. "The virus gets transmitted to dogs from wild animals, especially fox. In recent times, such wild animals are widely seen in human habitations. There is a possibility of fox mingling with dogs, which could have led to the spread of the virus," he says.

Stray dogs, says Abraham of the SIAD, also need to be vaccinated for developing herd immunity in the dog population, which is a major challenge. Oral bait vaccine, a vaccine which is administered to dogs through food, is an option which, it is hoped, will be approved for use in the near future, she says.

Of the 21 official rabies deaths so far this year, 15 persons were not vaccinated even after being bitten by dogs. The State government has sought a quality test on one batch of the anti-rabies vaccine at the Central Drugs Laboratory at Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, after doubts were raised about the efficacy of the vaccine. Reports that a few persons who had taken the vaccine had died of rabies triggered questions about the effectiveness of the vaccine, forcing the authorities to undertake a quality analysis of the vaccine.

K.K. Purushothaman, Professor in the Department of Paediatrics, MES Medical College in Perinthalmanna, Malappuram, suggests pre-exposure vaccination or immunisation of the vulnerable population, such as children. "Almost 40% to 50% of those bitten by dogs are children, as it is easy for the animals to reach their face and neck. As such attacks could be fatal, children could be considered for pre-exposure vaccination," he says.

Legal battle

With the rabies deaths causing panic and reports of residents killing stray dogs through poisoning and strangulation, there is a blame game over the rising canine population and rabies cases. Some legal experts blame it on conflicts in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001; others point to the flawed implementation of birth control measures.

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Canine culling campaigners and advocates of animal rights are also engaged in a protracted legal battle over the issue in the Supreme Court. V.K. Biju, a lawyer of the Supreme Court, who brought the issue of the "stray dog menace" before the apex court, contends that the root cause is the enactment of the Rules, which according to him, were passed in contravention of the parent Act, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

Biju says that while the Act stands for the "destruction" of stray dogs, the rules are against the "destruction" of stray dogs, including the rabies-affected ones, besides providing specific protection of stray dogs. In his submission before the Supreme Court, he argues that the existence of stray dogs has adversely affected the fundamental rights of citizens, i.e. the right to life and free movement.

In his writ petition filed before the apex court, Biju has sought orders for the strict implementation of the Act and the quashing of the Rules to make India free of stray dogs.

In the light of this, animal rights campaigners are apprehensive over the campaign to cull dogs to check rabies. Vivek K. Viswanath, managing trustee of Thrissur-based Walking Eye Foundation for Animal Advocacy, says that the rising canine population and number of rabies deaths in the State are on account of the flawed implementation of animal birth control measures and the vaccination drive.

"The failure of the State government to implement the ABC Rules, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, 2017 and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop) Rules 2019 shall be blamed for the present crisis and the panic that has gripped the State," he says.

In its intervention petition, the Walking Eye Foundation for Animal Advocacy says the ABC programme in the State came to a grinding halt some two years ago when the government decided to entrust it with the Kudumbashree Mission, a women's self-help group. It was assigned the job in Wayanad, Thrissur, Ernakulam, Kottayam, Pathanamthitta and Idukki districts. Some local bodies in a few districts too initiated the programme on their own. However, the Kudumbashree is not an animal welfare organisation. The petition adds that none of the ABC centres in Kerala had proper monitoring committees as mandated under Rule 4 of the ABC rules.

Viswanath says that culling of dogs is not the solution for controlling the stray dog population and that strict implementation of birth control measures can bring down the number, and vaccination drives can stop the spread of rabies. Authorities should initiate remedial measures before slaying animals, he argues, pointing out that neighbouring States have successfully implemented both birth control and vaccination drives, with visible results.

S. Ratheesh, State Assistant Programme Officer, Kudumbashree, says the mission has carried out around 80,000 ABC programmes across the State since 2017. The organisation was prevented by the Kerala High Court from carrying out the drive in December 2021. Though the mission had applied for recognition from the Animal Welfare Board of India for carrying out the ABC programme, the board declined permission citing infrastructure inadequacies at the centres at Ernakulam and Thrissur, he adds.

With the court restraining Kudumbashree from the programme, a Thiruvananthapuram-based organisation is the only player left in the field. However, there is no ban on local bodies directly implementing the programme by engaging veterinarians and other required personnel. Considering the gravity of the situation, State authorities have decided to immediately set up 30 ABC centres across Kerala and carry out the vaccination drive through the Directorate, says Sindhu of the Directorate of Animal Husbandry.

Problem of waste management

Veterinarians and animal health experts say the dumping of edible food waste on streets and the functioning of unlicensed abattoirs where meat waste is available for dogs to feed on are sustaining the canine population, and making them more aggressive in nature. Sindhu says an effective waste management system needs to be implemented.

Jayakrishnan, of KMCT Medical College, adds that during the two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, eating from food packets has become common. After consumption, the packets are carelessly thrown on the streets. He argues that the issue should be approached from a social perspective.

"In Kerala, we used to have one or two native dogs in the community, which roamed around houses, near eateries and hotels and consumed the leftover food. Over a period of time, people have stopped attending to the needs of the animals. Many people are mistakenly referring to even native dogs as stray dogs. Thus, those who adopt pet dogs are reluctant to have native dogs and prefer only foreign breeds. This has pushed the dogs to the streets, and [they form] packs, and fend for themselves," he says.

Justice S. Siri Jagan, a retired judge of Kerala High Court who heads the Supreme Court-appointed committee to decide on the compensation to be paid to dog bite victims, feels that the whole issue revolves around the legal conflict between the Dog Rules and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Till the enactment of the Rules in 2001, the local authorities used to keep the stray dog population under control by physically reducing their numbers in areas where their presence posed a threat to the safety of people. With the Rules coming into force, the local authorities stopped the population control measures. Yet, there had not been any concerted effort to address the issue and to solve the legal conflict, he says.

In its report submitted to the Supreme Court, the Siri Jagan committee had noted that there is no evidence that the ABC procedures could reduce the ferocity in dogs, as claimed by animal rights campaigners. The ABC procedures, said the panel, cannot be a solution to the immediate problem faced by the people considering the huge dog population in the State. After birth control intervention and vaccination, according to the ABC procedures, the dogs have to be let loose at the place from where they were caught. People have no way of knowing whether the dog that has bitten them has been vaccinated or not, compelling them to take an anti-rabies vaccine.

The panel observed that ABC procedures can only help in reducing the dog population in the long run, which may take at least three to four years to show results on the ground. The violent process of catching dogs for the procedure also causes severe trauma to the animals. Once released back in the locality after the surgery is completed, they can view passersby with suspicion. These animals are likely to be more dangerous, said the panel in one of its reports to the apex court. The panel also observed that the ABC programme in Kerala has not delivered the desired results.

The Supreme Court has sought a fresh report on the situation in Kerala from the panel, and is expected to pass an interim order on the issue on September 28.

(With inputs from A.S. Jayanth in Kozhikode)

From Page One

Sonia will pick my successor, says Gehlot

"If the media is to be believed, I do not want to relinquish the post of Chief Minister," Mr. Gehlot said, adding "But for sure, I have said this even today and will maintain this even after I fill the nomination form that I belong to Rajasthan. I would like to serve the State for my lifetime. What is wrong in saying this? People take a different meaning out of this. Media interprets it."

Earlier in the day, while speaking to reporters at the Kochi airport after participating in the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Mr. Gehlot made it official that he had joined the fray since Rahul Gandhi made it clear to him that "none from the Gandhi family will be contesting".

"I will decide the date of my filing nomination after I return but it is decided that I will contest. It is about inner party democracy and we are making a new beginning," Mr. Gehlot said.

On Friday, the party also tried to reinforce its stance of 'neutrality' as party communications chief Jairam Ramesh cautioned spokespersons and panellists against taking sides publicly or commenting on any candidate.

As per the party's poll schedule, the process of filing nominations will start on Saturday and will be open until September 30. Polling will be held on October 17, if there is more than one candidate.

Coming soon: relief from fraud, spam calls

He stressed that the focus of the proposed telecom Bill was to ensure protection of users. He said protection of users would not be limited to calls made via landline or normal voice calls, but all types of calls such as those made on WhatsApp, Zoom calls and FaceTime, among others.

"Whichever type of call it is, if someone is calling me, I have the right to know who is calling. This is a right that every user has and it has now been put into the Act. There has to be a light touch but focused and effective regulation which is primarily focused on protection of users," he said.

Legal framework

The draft Bill enables a legal framework for preventing harassment of users from unsolicited calls and messages and states that "the identity of a person sending a message using telecommunication services shall be available to the user receiving such message, in such form as may be prescribed".

Speaking to reporters, the Minister stressed that the government envisaged a light touch regulatory environment that would not stifle innovation or increase regulatory burden.

The draft Bill, which was released earlier this week inviting comments from stakeholders, seeks to replace the existing legal framework comprising the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 and the Telegraph Wires (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1950, that currently govern the telecommunication sector in the country.

It includes provisions such as waiving dues for financially stressed operators, bringing over-the-top platforms (such as WhatsApp, Zoom, Netflix) within the ambit of telecom services that require a licence to operate and provisions for message interception in case of public emergency.

The Minister said this draft would go through a transparent consultation process and only then the final draft would be made on the basis of inputs received.

The Minister said he expected the new telecom Bill to be converted into a law in the next six to 10 months.

Leaders of a particular community were on Popular Front 'hit-list': NIA

Investigation agency said the accused persons indulged in organised crime and unlawful activities repeatedly to terrorise other religious groups; condemning searches conducted across 15 States and arrests, the outfit termed it a 'witch-hunt' against its members and supporters

Vijaita Singh
Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which arrested 45 of the 109 leaders and activists of the Popular Front of India (PFI) during a nationwide crackdown along with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the police across 15 States on Thursday, has seized documents revealing that prominent leaders of a particular community were allegedly to be targeted.

In one of the cases involving 10 arrested persons, the NIA has submitted before a Kerala court that it found a "hit-list" during the searches. The agency said the accused indulged in organised crime and unlawful activities repeatedly to terrorise other religious sections of the society. The PFI has condemned the raids and described the arrests as "unjust" and a witch-hunt against its members and supporters.

The outfit, its office bearers, members and affiliates conspired to indulge in unlawful activities, encouraged the "vulnerable" youth to join terror outfits like Lashkar-e-Taiba, ISIS and al-Qaeda and "also conspired to establish Islamic rule in India by committing terrorist act..." The accused "spread disaffection against India" through wrongful interpretation of government policies among their community to promote hatred against the State and its machineries, the NIA has alleged.

Funds from abroad

Based on its findings, the ED has alleged that the organisation had thousands of active members in the Gulf countries and that the outfit raised substantial funds from abroad in a well organised and structured manner. Former PFI treasurer P. Koya, who was among those arrested by the NIA on Thursday, had earlier denied the presence of PFI supporters abroad, claiming that the outfit did not receive any money from overseas as part of its "established policy".

Massive shakedown: The Assam Police taking two PFI members to the court after their arrest, in Guwahati on Friday. PTI

However, the documents seized by the agency during the previous searches revealed otherwise. The funds collected abroad were transferred to India via the "hawala" or other channels, as corroborated by another accused K.A. Rauf Sherif arrested previously.

Following the same trail, the ED arrested Perwez Ahmed, Mohammed Iliyas and Abdul Muqeet in Delhi, while one Muhammed Shafeeque Payeth was picked up from Kozhikode.

They have been accused of being part of a network through which funds were collected from overseas and within the country. The agency's money laundering probe has revealed that over ₹120 crore were allegedly deposited in the accounts of the PFI and its related entities over the years, mostly in cash.

While multiple agencies have launched investigations, the coordinated searches on Thursday may not lead to an imminent ban on the PFI as the government intends to tie-up loose ends, according to a senior government official who said several aspects were to be ascertained before declaring the outfit an "unlawful association" under the anti-terror Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Hartal in Kerala

Widespread violence marked the dawn-to-dusk hartal called by the PFI in Kerala on Friday. The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation bore the brunt of the party's ire against arrest of its leaders. Hartal supporters smashed the windscreens of an estimated 70 buses.

Masked and helmet-clad persons travelling on motorcycles targeted buses, vehicles, shops and hotels. Many attacks occurred near surveillance camera blind spots, indicating premeditated action.

(With inputs from Thiruvananthapuram)

Bihar CM, RJD chief to meet Sonia Gandhi in Delhi tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The meeting assumes importance in the backdrop of discussions on Opposition unity

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar along with Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) patriarch Lalu Prasad and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav will meet Congress President Sonia Gandhi on Sunday.

They are arriving in Delhi to attend a rally to mark the birth anniversary of former deputy Prime Minister and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) founder Devi Lal in Fatehabad, Haryana organised by INLD leader O.P. Chautala.

The meeting assumes importance in the backdrop of discussions on Opposition unity.

Mr. Kumar and the RJD have been pushing for a pre-poll alliance ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election rather than a loosely tied together front.

"We are looking at 2004 style pre-poll alliance where alliances can be concretised at the State level between parties who are comfortable sharing space like we have one in Bihar," a senior RJD leader said. Such an alliance can be explored in five major States- Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra which together sent 222 members to the Lok Sabha.

Meanwhile, CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury asserted that Opposition unity at the national level is a chimera that no one should chase. "I have said repeatedly, that alliances have to be formed at the State level keeping in mind the unique factors of each State," he said.

The rally will be attended by several Opposition leaders.

Nitish-Lalu pair will be finished in the next Lok Sabha poll: Amit Shah

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah slammed Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad at Purnia district in Seemanchal (bordering) area of northeast Bihar on Friday. The Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal-United had snapped ties with the BJP in August.

In his address to the *Jan Bhawna* (people's emotion) public meeting at Rangbhumi Maidan (ground) of Purnia town, Mr. Shah said, "You backstabbed the BJP to nurse your dream of becoming Prime Minister but Nitish *babu* you cannot become Prime Minister through these tricky politics."

"After betraying the BJP, Nitish babu went on to sit in the lap of Lalu Prasad but I wish to tell you Lalu*ji* that Nitish Kumar will betray you again and go with the Congress to fulfil his dream of becoming Prime Minister. He [Nitish Kumar] can go anywhere for power. His only policy is that his chair should be protected anyhow," Mr. Shah said.

Mega show: Union Home Minister Amit Shah along with other leaders at the BJP's *Jan Bhawna* rally, in Purnia on Friday. PTI

"It was Mr. Modi's large heart that the BJP offered you the post of Chief Minister of the State despite lesser number of seats your party had got in last Assembly poll but in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha poll the pair of Nitish-Lalu will be finished and in 2025 BJP will form the government on its own in Bihar," the Union Home Minister said.

Fodder scam

Mr. Shah also reminded people about multi crore fodder scam in which Mr. Prasad is convicted; jungle raj of Lalu era, caste wars and asked the gathered crowd: "do you want this government again?". "Lalu*ji* what was happening during your regime everyone knows it," he added.

Mr. Shah in his address also gave break-up of the ₹1.35 lakh crore package that Prime Minister Modi had, earlier, promised to provide for the State's development.

He also listed welfare benefit schemes for Seemanchal area by Centre and asked, "Nitish *babu*, what you have done?".

Mr. Shah also asked people who they want to see as next Prime Minister of the country: Narendra Modi or Rahul Gandhi?, and appealed to give the BJP full majority to form government in Bihar for the State's development.

"With the BJP in power Bihar would be among the most developed states of the country," he assured the crowd.

Mr. Shah will be meeting all top State BJP leaders and its core committee members in neighbouring Kishanganj district after Purnia's *Jan Bhawna* (people's emotion) rally. Mr. Shah will leave for Delhi from Kishanganj on Saturday.

Bombay HC allows Uddhav Thackeray to hold Dasara rally at Dadar's Shivaji Park

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The court also rejected the application of Sada Sarvankar of the Eknath Shinde camp

In a huge relief to former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, the Bombay High Court on Friday granted permission to his faction to hold the annual Dasara rally at Shivaji Park in Dadar on October 5, thereby allowing him to continue the tradition of the Shiv Sena holding the public gathering at the venue.

A Division Bench of Justices R.D. Dhanuka and Kamal Khata quashed an order by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), refusing the Thackerays permission to hold the *melawa* [fair]. The court granted permission to hold the rally from October 2 to October 6.

After hearing the matter for almost the whole day, the court said, "In our view, the BMC's action is in clear violation of law and *bona fide*. The BMC has misused power by refusing to grant permission."

The court also rejected the application of Sada Sarvankar of the Eknath Shinde camp to intervene in the matter.

The court was hearing a petition filed by the political party and its secretary Anil Desai through advocate Joel Carlos stating, "Every year since 1966 when Shiv Sena was founded, on the festival of Dasara, the party conducted Dasara *melawa* there and the party has always got permission to hold their rally at Shivaji Park. The party workers and leaders from across the State and country arrive at the park without any announcement or invitation."

As per the Maharashtra Regional Town Planning Act, from the year 2016, the Commissioner of BMC has been granting permission to Thackeray-led Shiv Sena to hold its rally at Shivaji Park.

Shiv Sena's secretary Vinayak Raut welcomed the decision and said, "Our faith in the judiciary stands vindicated. For the last many years, Dasara rally has been taking place at Shivtirtha (Shivaji Park), but this time attempt was made through the Shinde faction and BJP to create obstacles. Thankfully, the court rejected it."

SC to take up petitions on J&K special status removal after Oct. 10

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit on Friday indicated that the court may take up petitions challenging the revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution, which led to the bifurcation of the State in 2019. Responding to an oral mentioning, the CJI said the case would be listed after October 10.

The Article 370 case has been pending in the Supreme Court for over two years even as a separate challenge has been filed against the Centre's decision to appoint a Delimitation Commission to redraw Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies of the Union Territory of J&K. The case had not come up after a five-judge Bench refused to refer the petitions to a larger Bench in March 2020.

The petitions have challenged a Presidential Order of August 5, 2019 which blunted Article 370and have challenged the Centre's "unilateral" move to impose curfew and unravel the unique federal structure of India by dividing Jammu and Kashmir "without taking consent from the people".

They have questioned the Centre's move to "unilaterally unravel the unique federal scheme, under cover of President's Rule, while undermining crucial elements of due process and the rule of law".

Read our explainer
How the special status of J&K was changed
bit.ly/jkexplainer

ISI-backed terror module busted, two agents held

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Police on Friday claimed to have busted an ISI-backed terror module jointly handled by Canada-based gangster Lakhbir Singh alias Landa and Pakistan-based gangster Harvinder Singh Rinda with the arrest of two of its operatives.

Those arrested have been identified as Baljit Singh Malhi of village Jogewal in Ferozepur and Gurbaksh Singh alias Gora Sandhu of village Buh Gujran in Ferozepur.

Director-General of Police Punjab Gaurav Yadav said that the police recovered a sophisticated AK-56 assault rifle along with two magazines, 90 live cartridges and two bullet shells from a location pinpointed by Gurbaksh Singh at his village.

FIRs against Navika Kumar on Prophet row shifted to Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Navika Kumar

The Supreme Court on Friday transferred to Delhi the cases registered against televison anchor Navika Kumar across several States in connection with the Prophet remarks row.

A Bench led by Justice M.R. Shah handed over multiple first information reports (FIRs) registered against Ms. Kumar in West Bengal, Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir to the IFSO unit of the Delhi Police. The SC protected the journalist from any coercive action which may arise from cases, present or future.

The Delhi Police would also investigate any future complaints against Ms. Kumar. She was given liberty to approach the Delhi High Court for any further relief, including the quashing of the cases against her.

The case concerns the telecast of allegedly controversial remarks made against the Prophet by former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma during a show anchored by Ms. Kumar.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, counsel for Ms. Kumar, had earlier argued that the exchange which led to the debacle had happened inadvertently while a debate was on about the Gyanvapi mosque.

The SC earlier had similarly protected Ms. Sharma from arrest.

INBRIEF

Kappan's bail petition hearing in PMLA deferred to Sept. 29

The Lucknow Sessions Court has postponed the hearing of Siddique Kappan's bail petition in the Prevention of Money Laundering Act case registered by the ED until September 29. The regular court of Additional District Judge-1 has deferred the hearing as the judge was not available. "Regular sessions court Additional District Judge (ADJ) 1 was not sitting on Friday. The application was transferred to another court, but that court was not ready. We requested to give the next date for September 26. But the hearing was postponed to September 29," Mohamad Dhanish K.S., Mr. Kappan lawyer said.

Police deny filing of FIR on woman for offering namaz

The Prayagraj Police on Friday denied reports of registering a case against a Muslim woman for offering *namaz* on the premises of Tej Bahadur Sapru Chikitsalaya (dispensary) in the city. A video was circulated on social media in which a woman can be seen offering *namaz* and later it was said the police had registered a case over the issue. "She was offering prayers only for the betterment of the patient. The act of the woman does not amount to any crime," said the police. The woman was an attendant to a patient at the Tej Bahadur Sapru Chikitsalaya. As she was offering prayers, a video was recorded and many reports claimed that an FIR has been registered against the woman over the incident.

India issues alert on rising hate crimes in Canada

India has advised its nationals in Canada to stay alert and exercise caution in view of the rise in reported hate crimes and activities that the Indian state considers detrimental to its interests. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued an advisory on Friday and put on record that the Government of Canada had so far failed to deliver justice in the cases concerned. "There has been a sharp increase in incidents of hate crimes. In view of the increasing incidence of crimes, Indian nationals and students from India in Canada and those proceeding to Canada for travel/education are advised to exercise due caution and remain vigilant," stated the advisory. The notice was put out a day after the MEA described the September 18-19 'Referendum on Khalistan' organised in Ontario's Brampton as "deeply objectionable".

Central agency calls for bids to construct tunnel for bullet train

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National High Speed Rail Corporation of India (NHSRCL) on Friday said it has invited bids for 21-km-long tunnel, including India's first 7-km-long undersea tunnel, in Maharashtra for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor. .

Quad signs agreement for disaster relief and assistance

Sriram Lakshman
UNITED NATIONS

Foreign Ministers of the Quad group of countries - India, the U.S., Australia, and Japan - met on the fringes of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Friday to sign a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) partnership into effect.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said the world was going through a difficult period - listing the Ukraine conflict and climate events, and said that it was especially important for the Quad to further the "constructive agenda" it had set up for itself and work together to deliver public goods.

"I think our meeting today is evidence that the Quad is strong and getting stronger," Mr. Blinken said.

Australia's Foreign Minister Penny Wong said the Quad was about ensuring the region is " peaceful, stable, prosperous and in which sovereignty is respected".

Japan's Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, said the world was witnessing "direct attempts to unilaterally change the status quo by force" and that the international order based on the rule of law was under threat.

G4 countries highlight 'urgent need' for reform in UN Security Council

Germany, Brazil, Japan and India reiterate support for each other's bids to become permanent members of the UNSC, and for representation of African countries

Sriram Lakshman
UNITED NATIONS

Reform of the United Nations has been a central theme of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to the United Nations this week, and on Thursday, he met with his counterparts from Germany, Brazil and Japan under The Group of Four (G4) banner following the BRICS meeting. The group is primarily focused on UN Security Council (UNSC) reform, and permanent membership for G4 members. On Thursday, they reiterated their commitment to pushing forward reform and expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of progress.

"Reiterated our joint commitment to work towards text based negotiations that leads to Reformed Multilateralism. Will continue our cooperation towards this goal," Mr. Jaishankar tweeted after the meeting. India is currently a non-permanent member of the Council.

Strong bonds: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with counterparts from Brazil, Germany and Japan during the G4 meeting on Friday. PTI

In addition to reiterating their support for each other's bids to become permanent members of the UNSC, the G4 also reiterated its support for African countries being represented in a permanent and non-permanent capacity. The G4 felt that the UN decision making bodies needed to be urgently reformed as global issues were increasingly complex and interconnected, a joint press statement from the group said. The "inability" of the UNSC to "effectively" address these problems "vividly demonstrate[s] the urgent need" for UNSC reform, the statement said.

U.S. President Joe Biden emphasized its support for expanding permanent and non-permanent seats on the Council, during his UNGA address on Wednesday. However, State Department spokesperson Ned Price had said in 2021 that the U.S. supports expansion of body provided it "does not alter or expand the veto".

On Thursday, the G4 ministers expressed concern that the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly did not make "meaningful progress" in the Inter-Governmental Negotiations (IGN), which, according to the G4, was constrained by a lack of transparency.

Russia may stop oil supply if prices are unfair: envoy

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Moscow would terminate energy supply to countries if it feels the prices offered were unfair and if they join the western campaign to stop Russian energy flow, said Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov.

Addressing a press conference on Friday, Mr. Alipov said Russia and India have both been asking for a cessation to hostilities, but Russia had to act as it would have been "irresponsible" not to respond against what he described as "totally unacceptable actions" from U.S. and the NATO. "Russia won't trade and cooperate to her detriment. If we consider that the prices are unfair to us, we would simply stop supplying the oil to the buyer and to those countries that join the U.S. initiatives on the price cap," he said.

The G7 Finance Ministers on September 2 had declared that they would impose a price cap on Russian crude supply.

The position was emphasised upon subsequently by several officials who discussed the price cap with Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday in Bali and described it as a step to "help tackle global energy inflation".

Maharaja's birthday celebrated with fervour in Jammu

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

After 75 years, Jammu and Kashmir observed a holiday on the birth anniversary of Dogra monarch Maharaja Hari Singh on Friday and was marked by cake-cutting and street celebrations in parts of the Jammu region.

The Lieutenant-Governor's (L-G) administration earlier this week announced a holiday on the birth anniversary of the Maharaja, who signed the Instrument of Accession with India in 1947, and later shifted outside J&K in 1949.

Several groups from Jammu had been demanding holiday to acknowledge the work of the Maharaja for many years. Senior leaders and activists of Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) and BJP held street celebrations on Thursday night to welcome the decision of the L-G administration.

"The holiday is a befitting tribute to the Maharaja. This is a day of joy for the Duggar society," YRS leader Happy Singh said.

The BJP also distributed around 127 kilos of 'ladoos' on the occasion. BJP activists raised slogans like "Maharaja Hari Singh Ji Amar Rahe" (Long live Maharaja) and "Jai Duggar Jai Dogra" (Victory to Duggar society).

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also paid tributes to the Maharaja. "I bow to the symbol of nationalism Maharaja Hari Singh ji on his birth anniversary. The Prime Minister has paid a true tribute by declaring his birth anniversary as a state holiday to commemorate his efforts to make J&K an integral part of India and to keep the country's integrity intact," Mr. Shah said in a tweet. The L-G's move to declare a holiday in J&K has neither been opposed nor welcomed by the regional parties like the National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party.

Revered icon: A group of people paying tribute to Maharaja Hari Singh in Jammu on Friday. PTI

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T.N. forest officials learn the 'language of elephants', thanks to calf rescue missions

SPECIAL

Rohan Premkumar
UDHAGAMANDALAM

Rescue missions over the past one year have made the Tamil Nadu Forest Department more familiar with the ways of the elephant. In this period, the department has successfully reunited three elephant calves that got separated from their herds in the Nilgiris district. Officials and staff who worked on these "complicated" operations said multiple factors dictated whether these efforts to reunite the lost calves were successful.

Also, these efforts were helping them to better understand elephant behaviour and their complex social structures. In October 2021, a young calf that got stuck inside an illegal gold mine in Devala was rescued by the staff, who walked with the animal to find the herd from which it got separated. This year, a calf that got separated from its mother when the Sigurhalla river was in spate due to heavy rain was reunited after a mammoth, three-day effort by the Forest Department, while earlier this week, another calf was reunited with its mother in the Gudalur division.

A calf that was reunited wtih its mother. M. SATHYAMOORTHY

Multiple factors

"There are multiple factors which dictate whether an operation to reunite a calf with its mother turns out to be a success," said N. Kalaivanan, former wildlife veterinarian and currently a veterinary assistant surgeon in Theni. "If a calf is separated from its mother accidentally, be it due to a flood, or while escaping from a predator, then there is a higher chance of the animal being reunited with its herd. However, if the mother abandons the elephant due to it being weak, or due to other factors, then it obviously becomes almost impossible to reunite it with its herd," said Dr. Kalaivanan.

The seasoned veterinarian, who has assisted the department in many such operations, including the most recent one at the Mudumalai Reserve, said adult elephants can communicate over large distances using chemical signals from dung and urine left behind by members of the group, and by using infrasonic communication.

"Adult elephants can communicate for anywhere between four and five kilometres using infrasonic sound waves. However, as the sensory organs of calves are much less developed, the mother elephant comes to rely on visual and auditory cues to try and find its lost calf; so they need to be quite close if there is to be any chance of success," he said.

Some elephants also have better motherly instincts than others, said the staff at the Theppakadu Elephant Camp in the MTR.

For instance, one elephant calf, now called 'Bomman', was around 18-month-old when it was abandoned by its herd. Officials decided to let nature take its own course. "However, one camp elephant, known as 'Radhi', which is extremely good with young calves, managed to find Bomman…and brought it back to the camp," said an official. Despite the best efforts of the department, the two elephants were inseparable, and a decision was made to adopt Bomman.

'Minimal interference'

P. Arunkumar, Deputy Director of the MTR (Buffer Zone), said elephants were socially very complex animals, organised along their own systems of families and clans.

"There are certain behaviours of elephants that we see even today that surprises us, and reminds us of how much we have left to learn about them," an anti-poaching watcher from MTR told *The Hindu*.

Exclusive content
Reuniting a lost elephant calf with its clan: the why and how
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INBRIEF

India gets its first avalanche monitoring radar in Sikkim

An avalanche monitoring radar, the first of its kind in India, has been installed in North Sikkim by the Army and Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment. It can detect avalanches within three seconds of its trigger and will assist in saving lives of troops and reducing damage to property. The radar was inaugurated by Lt. Gen. Tarun Kumar Aich, General Officer Commanding of Sukna-based 33 Corps, on September 20 at an altitude of 15,000 feet, one officer said. The radar was made operational by DGRE, a lab under the Defence Research Development Organisation.

Rajiv Bahl to head ICMR, Srinivas to lead AIIMS, Delhi

The Centre on Friday appointed new heads to two top medical posts in India. Dr. Rajiv Bahl, currently at the World Health Organisation, Geneva, was appointed Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The incumbent is Dr. Balram Bhargava. Dr. M. Srinivas, Dean, ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad was appointed Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi. He takes over from Dr. Randeep Guleria, who along with Dr. Bhargava, played a key role in India's response to the pandemic.

Justice Joseph recuses self from plea in ISRO case

Justice K.M. Joseph, heading a Supreme Court Bench, recused himself from hearing a series of appeals filed by the CBI challenging anticipatory bail granted to former police officers accused of being part of a conspiracy to frame ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan in an espionage case in 1994. The appeals would now be referred to another Bench of the apex court. The CBI had challenged the bail given by Kerala High Court to the accused, including former Kerala DGP Siby Mathews. Other accused in the case are namely P.S. Jayaprakash, Thampi S. Durga Dutt, Vijayan and R.B. Sreekumar.

'Ambedkar tourist circuit only aids nationalistic narrative'

The five spots on the tour are not true to Dr. Ambedkar's 'true legacy', say scholars and Ambedkarites; they suggest Raigarh where he led Mahad Satyagraha and Pune where he held negotiations with Gandhi, among others, as places of significance

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Central government has announced a special tourist circuit encompassing five key sites associated with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Dalit scholars and Ambedkarites, however, argue that the five spots or the "Panchateerths" selected for the circuit do not do justice to Ambedkar's "real legacy" and have been chosen to just fit into the "localised and nationalistic" narrative of the government.

Place of pilgrimage: Ambedkar's memorial in his birthplace Mhow in Madhya Pradesh is frequented by Buddhists, Dalits and Ambedkarites. A.M. FARUQUI

According to Ambedkar scholars, there are a host of other sites like Raigarh district of Maharashtra where Dr. Ambedkar led the Mahad Satyagraha, Pune where he held the first negotiations with Mahatma Gandhi in Yerwada jail on a separate electorate for depressed classes, and Sri Lanka where he attended a Buddhist conclave.

Ashok Bharti, Founder and Chairperson of NACDOR (National Confederation of Dalit and Adivasi Organisations), said, "People who have not read Dr. Ambedkar and his work have made this concept (of the tourist circuit) in a hurry. They should have consulted organisations and people who are thorough with his work and life."

Places of import

The five cities in the tourist circuit as announced by the government are Mhow (his birthplace), London (where he resided and studied), Nagpur (also studied here), Delhi (where he passed away) and finally Mumbai (where he was cremated).

These sites are already visited by Dalits as pilgrimage spots; the idea is to attract members of the public from outside the Dalit community, a senior official of the Ministry of Tourism said.

According to Chandrabhan Prasad, Dalit ideologue, "It is a bid to subvert and distort Dalit historical landmarks. I would prefer that the tourist circuit begins from the *Mahar talab andolan*. One of the greatest incidents of expression of freedom for Dalits."

Mahad Satyagraha was a *satyagraha* led by Dr. Ambedkar on March 20, 1927 to allow untouchables to use water in a public tank in Mahad, currently in Raigarh district of Maharashtra. Pune is another landmark place.

Similar is the case of Kolhapur where in March 1920, another legendary social reformer, Chatrapati Shahuji Maharaj, declared Dr. Ambedkar as the true leader of the oppressed classes in India.

Going further, Rajesh Lilothia, Head of Congress SC department, said that if the government wants to do true justice to Dr. Ambedkar's legacy, they should dedicate the Central Vista to Dr. Ambedkar.

Modi and Ambedkar

Since assuming office in 2014, the Modi government has celebrated Ambedkar – unveiling his portrait in Parliament's Central Hall and developing Deeksha Bhoomi as an international tourist centre.

With poll in sight, Gujarat govt. hikes staff salaries

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

More than 1,500 employees of the Gujarat health department held a protest outside the State Secretariat in Gandhinagar, even after the Gujarat government on Thursday late night announced a hike in salary.

The State government had initially issued a stern warning to the employees to withdraw the agitation but doubled back to accept two of their demands – pay revision by ₹4,000 per month (but without change in pay grade) and 130 days Covid-19 duty pay for the days of work during the second wave last year.

Old pension scheme

However, the employees are adamant on change in their pay grade and restoration of old pension scheme, which has been a prominent pre-poll promise of Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

The government has not accepted this demand but said that other demands like salary revision, hike in various allowances would be looked into.

Plea on regulation of liquor dismissed

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea to regulate production, distribution and consumption of liquor in New Delhi. A Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said this issue concerned policy and should be best left to the government. Petitioner, advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, hard said unlike in the case of cigarettes, there are hardly any warning labels for liquor.

MPs meet Palestinian counterparts

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A group of Indian Parliamentarians met Director General of League of Parliamentarians for Palestine Mohammad Makram Balawi on Friday in an informal meeting. The Palestinian group complained about the Indian government's indifference towards the Palestinian cause and Indian government's current pro-Israel bias.

At the meeting, Mr. Balawi said that the two-state solution is long dead because Israel has occupied a majority of the land in Palestine. "There is no land left for Palestinian state. Palestinians control only 6% of land in West Bank and a total of 1% of land of the historical Palestine," he said.

Abdullah Biltaji, head of Public Relations of the organisation, was also present.

The duo are on a personal trip to India. The meeting organised by JD(U) national general secretary K.C. Tyagi was attended by RJD MP Manoj K. Jha, BSP MP Danish Ali, SP MP Javed Ali Khan and Congress MP Rajeev Shukla. Former Parliamentarian Mani Shankar Aiyar was also part of the discussion.

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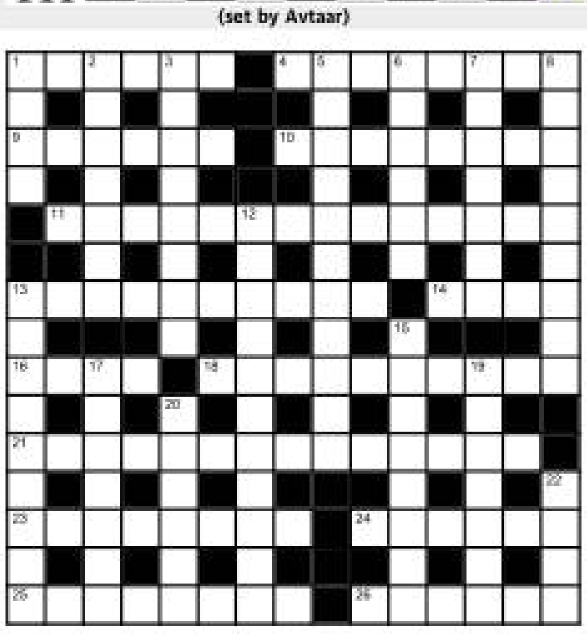

Across

1 Free, like the character of Dasaratha in the Ramayana, maybe? (6)
4 Headdress irked star, eh? (5,3)
9 Training in stylish, small two-wheelers (6)
10 Riot-control device exploded - Bang! Out near London's East End (5,3)
11 Online travel portal? (7,7)
13 "Lake of the Boundless Valley" - fantastic hit on the way up (4-6)
14 Fine, fermented drink made from cashew or coconut (4)
16 Champion wins maiden crown (4)
18 Amidst breaks, cycling coach bonds (10)
21 Lock assemblies that are ready-to-use? (7,7)
23 Barred point in pass (8)
24 Hiding love, mother's starting to torment revolutionary (6)
25 Fine head of solicitors, through slogging and legwork, finally became adviser to the Queen (4,4)
26 Even characters in Boeing gladly ceded land that was divided in the 1940s (6)

Down

1 "Apple in Post Office" by Avtaar (4)
2 For the audience, Nadal is a great artist (7)
3 Girlfriend flirted overtly skipping right behind young man (4-4)
5 Playing tennis? Try attacking lobs, to start with, for a short while (11)
6 Decapod alien groups having no feet (6)
7 Fellow admitting Azed's original crossword is torment (7)
8 The hotel lost Mrs Reagan and Mrs Sinatra's possessions (9)
12 Path across river with fountain outside Vatican seems good but is not adequate (3,4,4)
13 Almost fully breathe out and take pulse (9)
15 Louisiana and Tennessee dons - like Corleone, perhaps? (4,4)
17 Land is turned out in dry wind, south of Missouri (7)
19 Freezing Emergency Room avoided by Count (7)
20 Pesky, mischievous son chats online (6)
22 ... and others turned up dead (2,2)

SUDOKU

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Solution to puzzle 13668

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Worship of Lord Siva

Thirumoolar says Lord Siva gets rid of the effects of karma. He thus destroys the very seeds of repeated births, said R. Narayanan, in a discourse. Karma is of three kinds – sanchita, prarabdha and agamya karma. Prarabdha karma is that which is responsible for our present birth and whatever we undergo in it. Sanchita karma is that which we have accumulated over several births. Agamya karma is that which we do in this birth. So we are constantly adding to sanchita karma. Until sanchita karma is exhausted, that is until we have paid for all karmas accumulated over all our previous births, we will have to repeatedly take birth in this world. This shows why birth and death constitute a never ending cycle.

In every birth, we are going to add to the existing sanchita karma, and so this is never going to be completely destroyed. How then can one attain liberation? Thirumoolar has the answer. Worship of Lord Siva will destroy the entire sanchita karma, thereby ruling out future births forever. A person who takes the advice of a wise guru will not be attached to worldly pursuits. The ultimate stage of Sivoha bhava is Siva yoga. This is a stage when one has jnana. Penance leads to such jnana.

Sivayogis see Lord Siva in everything. They are beyond sadness or happiness. Siva is hard to comprehend, and yet if a person meditates on Him and worships His uplifted foot, as He performs His cosmic dance, he is bound to earn His grace. Those who are recipients of His mercy are unaffected by anything. This is the state of jivanmukthi. A jivanmuktha is in a state of liberation, even while he is alive. That is, he attains mukti, even while he is living.

UNITED NATIONS

Chinese and Ukrainian Foreign Ministers meet in New York

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (in picture) met his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Friday. It was the first meeting between the two since Russia's invasion of Ukraine — though they have held phone calls in that time. AP

MOSCOW

Detained Russian protesters face conscription or jail

The Independent monitoring group, OVD-Info, reported that men detained in anti-war protests were handed draft papers while in custody in at least 15 Moscow police departments. One day before mobilisation was announced, the Russian Parliament approved a Bill to toughen punishment for those refusing military summons. AP

KABUL

Four killed in blast near mosque in Afghan capital, says hospital

A blast outside a mosque attended by Taliban members in the Afghan capital Kabul killed four people minutes after Friday prayers had ended, according to a hospital. The explosion occurred near the entrance of Wazir Akbar Khan mosque, not far from the fortified former Green Zone that housed several embassies. AP

LONDON

Historic U.K. castle at risk from climate change: heritage body

The cliff-top ruins of an ancient castle long claimed as the birthplace of the legendary King Arthur is "at risk of being lost for ever" as climate change quickens the pace of coastal erosion, a U.K. heritage body warned on Friday. Tintagel Castle in Cornwall is now among six important historic coastal sites at risk.

'36 dead' as Iran unrest continues, thousands join pro-regime rallies

Footages have shown protesters defacing or burning images of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and late Revolutionary Guards commander Qasem Soleimani; crackdown continues as a prominent journalist and activist arrested

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN/PARIS

At least 36 people have been killed in an Iranian crackdown on protests over the death of Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini in police custody, a New York-based rights group said. Amini, 22, died last week after her arrest by the Islamic Republic's feared morality police for allegedly wearing a hijab headscarf in an "improper" way, and news of her death sparked widespread outrage.

The official death toll rose to at least 17 on Thursday, including five security personnel, but the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran said its sources put the figure much higher. "On the 7th day of #IranProtest, officials admit to at least 17 deaths w/ independent sources say 36," the CHRI said in a Twitter post late Thursday. "Expect the number to rise. World leaders must press Iranian officials to allow protest without lethal force."

Two sides: Pro-government people's rally against the recent protest gatherings in Iran, after Friday prayers in Tehran, Iran. REUTERS

Since Amini was pronounced dead on September 16, three days after she was arrested by Iran's morality police, protests have spread to most major urban centres in Iran, including the capital as well as Isfahan, Mashhad, Rasht and Saqez.

Unprecedented images have shown protesters defacing or burning images of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and late Revolutionary Guards commander Qasem Soleimani.

Security forces have arrested one of Iran's most prominent civil society activists and a journalist who played a key role in exposing the case of Amini. Majid Tavakoli, an activist who has been repeatedly imprisoned in Iran in recent years, was arrested overnight at his home, his brother Mohsen wrote on Twitter. Another prominent activist still based in Iran, Hossein Ronaghi, was giving an interview to London-based channel Iran International when security agents came to his home, the channel said.

Counter-mobilisation

Meanwhile, thousands demonstrated across Iran on Friday at government-backed pro-hijab counter rallies. "The great demonstration of the Iranian people condemning the conspirators and the sacrileges against religion took place today," said Iran's *Mehr* news agency.

Booker winning author Hilary Mantel dies aged 70

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Hilary Mantel, the first British novelist to win the Booker Prize twice and who sold millions of books around the world, has died aged 70, her publishers announced on Friday.

"We are heartbroken at the death of our beloved author, Dame Hilary Mantel, and our thoughts are with her friends and family, especially her husband, Gerald," 4th Estate Books said.

"This is a devastating loss and we can only be grateful she left us with such a magnificent body of work," it added, providing no other details.

Ms. Mantel won the Booker Prize for *Wolf Hall* (2009) and *Bring Up the Bodies* (2012) and had been tipped to win again in 2020 with *The Mirror & The Light*, the third in the trilogy.

The *Wolf Hall* trilogy has so far been translated into 41 languages with worldwide sales of more than five million.

Hilary Mantel

The television adaptation of the first two books, starring Mark Rylance, Damian Lewis, Claire Foy and Jonathan Pryce, was nominated at both the Emmy and Golden Globe Awards. "We've lost a genius," tweeted author J.K. Rowling on Friday, leading tributes.

Scottish leader Nicola Sturgeon said on Twitter that it was "impossible to overstate the significance of the literary legacy Hilary Mantel leaves behind".

Her publisher called Ms. Mantel "one of the greatest English novelists of this century" whose works are considered "modern classics" and who will be "greatly missed".

Nicholas Pearson, former 4th Estate publishing director, said news of her death was a terrible loss both for those who knew her and the world of literature.

Only last month Ms. Mantel, had confided in him that she was working on a new book, Pearson added. "That we won't have the pleasure of any more of her words is unbearable," he said.

Ms. Mantel published her first novel in 1985, *Every Day Is Mother's Day*, a darkly comic story about a mentally disabled girl and her terrifying mother, who communes with the undead. It drew on Ms. Mantel's post-university stint as a social worker but was not the first novel she had written. That manuscript was drafted in the 1970s but only emerged in 1992 as *A Place of Greater Safety*, set in the years leading up to the French Revolution.

Ukraine's breakaway regions vote

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Moscow-held regions of Ukraine were voting on Friday on whether to become part of Russia, in referendums that Kyiv and its allies have condemned as an unlawful land grab.

The referendums in the eastern Donetsk and Lugansk regions, as well as in the southern Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions have been dismissed as a sham by Kyiv's Western allies.

The referendums are reminiscent of Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014.

Russia committed war crimes: probe

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

UN investigators accused Russia of committing war crimes on a "massive scale" in Ukraine, listing bombings, executions, torture and sexual violence, but said it was too soon to prove crimes against humanity.

Speaking before the UNHRC, the head of the investigative team listed numerous serious violations committed since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Erik Mose, chairman of the Commission of Inquiry, said the team had seen evidence of numerous executions, rape and torture of children.

The categorical nature of that statement was unusual for UN investigators, but the team of three independent experts said the evidence they had found was clear.

The team also documented sexual and gender-based violence against victims as young as four and as old as 82. In some cases, the investigators had established that Russian soldiers were the perpetrators, said Mr. Mose.

Xi sends message with sentencing of ex-official

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

A senior former Chinese security official accused of challenging President Xi Jinping's authority was on Friday given a life sentence, weeks ahead of a key Communist Party leadership congress.

Sun Lijun, who was Vice Minister of Public Security, was sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve. The court said the sentence can be commuted to life in prison but without any reduction or parole.

Mr. Sun was accused of massive corruption of close to $100 million in bribes over two decades, as well as the more serious charge of "endangering political security", a reference to challenging Mr. Xi.

Sun Lijun

His sentencing followed that of other senior law and security officials who were accused of being part of a "clique" that had challenged Mr. Xi's rule as the "core" of the party.

On Thursday, the former Justice Minister Fu Zhenghua was sentenced to life in prison.

Only in early 2020, Mr. Sun was sent by Mr. Xi to oversee the initial response to the pandemic in Wuhan. He was later accused of "deserting his post on the frontline of fighting the COVID-19 epidemic" and "possessing confidential materials without authorisation".

At the time of his expulsion from the party last year, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection accused him of "never staying true to the Party's ideals and faith" and "displaying extremely inflated political ambition and very poor political integrity".

Political struggles

His actual actions haven't been spelled out, but the party statement suggested he had challenged Mr. Xi's authority, a rare public acknowledgement of internal political struggles. It said Mr. Sun had "issued groundless criticisms of the Party's policies and spread political rumours".

He was accused of "unscrupulously cultivating personal followers and interest groups to achieve personal political gains" and "seriously undermining the unity of the Party and endangering political security".

Mr. Sun may not be the last senior party official to be purged as Mr. Xi, who will begin an unprecedented third term following the October 16 congress, continues to tighten his grip.

The court ruling said he was "granted a lenient sentence, considering that he had provided investigators with clues to other major cases".

Reports of Sri Lankans rescued in Ukraine put Colombo in a spot

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Recent media reports of Ukrainian authorities rescuing seven Sri Lankans from the Kharkiv region have put Colombo, which maintains close ties with Russia, on a sticky diplomatic wicket.

Last week, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky reportedly said seven Sri Lankans, who were held by the "invading Russian forces since March" in the Kharkiv region of Ukraine, had been rescued from "torture chambers". Mr. Zelenskyy drew attention to the "seven citizens of Sri Lanka", who were "students of Kupiansk Medical College". "Back in March, they had been captured by Russian soldiers and subsequently kept in a basement. Only now, after the liberation of the Kharkiv region, were these people rescued. They are being provided with proper medical care," he was quoted as saying by a Ukrainian media outlet, widely cited by Sri Lankan media.

The development came as a shock to many in Sri Lanka, as there had been no reports of Sri Lankans missing in Ukraine or being held in captive by Russian forces. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, Sri Lankan authorities facilitated the return of over 90 Sri Lankans, including 16 students living in Ukraine. According to official sources in Colombo, Sri Lanka was not aware of seven other Sri Lankans caught or trapped in Ukraine.

Reporting from Kharkiv this week, *BBC* said the Sri Lankans were imprisoned, forced into labour and "even tortured" during the last four months. "We thought we would never get out alive," one of the men in the rescued group was quoted as saying, while another showed an injury from alleged torture.

Back to life: Sri Lankan citizens, who Ukrainian authorities say were rescued from Kharkiv, attend a news conference. REUTERS

Close contact

Sri Lanka's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on September 17 said it had requested the Ukrainian government 'to ascertain the veracity of the news item", as well as to provide more information on it "as a matter of priority', and is awaiting a response, according to an official. Colombo is in "close communication" with the Ukrainian Government through the Sri Lanka Embassy in Ankara which is concurrently accredited to Ukraine, as well as through the Ukrainian Embassy in New Delhi, the Ministry said in its statement last week.

Meanwhile, officials in Colombo told local media that the seven Sri Lankans were not students but "illegal immigrants" trying to flee the island nation's economic distress and claimed they did not wish to return. Following the crisis this year, the Sri Lankan Navy has intercepted a total of 966 persons so far. They were on illegal boats and trying to migrate to allegedly to Australia and Europe, a Navy official told *The Hindu*.

Another 229 persons found in hotels along coastal districts were also apprehended, the official said. However, it remains unclear where exactly the seven Sri Lankans are from and how they ended up in Ukraine.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, a senior official at the Foreign Ministry said the development must be seen in the context of Sri Lanka's position in regard to Russia's war on Ukraine. "Our position is somewhat like India's," the official said, requesting anonymity, owing to "diplomatic sensitivities".

Deeply concerned

Soon after the invasion in February, the Government of Sri Lanka said it was "deeply concerned" about the escalation of violence and urged "all parties" concerned to exercise "maximum restraint and work towards the immediate cessation of hostilities, to maintain peace, security and stability in the region." "Ukraine and other actors backing it were unhappy with our position, they expressed displeasure," the Foreign Ministry official said, suggesting that the current development was possibly a "pressure" tactic. On the claims of torture, the official said: "We need to verify that."

Sri Lanka has traditionally had strong diplomatic ties with Russia, and the two countries are marking 65 years of diplomatic relations this year. At the height of the fuel shortages in Sri Lanka in July, former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had asked Russian President Vladimir Putin for help with urgent fuel supplies.

INBRIEF

TVS Motor unveils Jupiter Classic celebratory edition

TVS Motor Company on Friday unveiled the Jupiter Classic celebratory edition for the domestic market. The new offering was to commemorate the 50-lakh sales milestone the Jupiter had touched in the domestic market, the company said. The scooter comes in two colours - Regal Purple and Mystic Grey - and is powered by a 110-cc engine. The top variant is priced at ₹85,866 (ex-showroom, Delhi), TVS Motor said.

Tata Steel board approves merger of 7 entities with itself

The board of directors of Tata Steel Ltd., at a meeting held on September 22, approved the amalgamation of six subsidiaries and an associate company with itself to simplify the group holding structure. "The proposed amalgamations will enhance management efficiency, drive sharper strategic focus and improve agility across businesses based on the strong parental support from Tata Steel leadership," Tata Steel said in a statement on Friday. On completion, there would be further opportunities for reduction of overhead and corporate costs, the firm added.

Reliance arm to invest $12 mn in U.S. solar tech firm Caelux

Reliance New Energy Ltd. (RNEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd., will invest in Caelux Corporation, a U.S.-based company engaged in the development of perovskite-based solar technology. RNEL would invest $12 million to acquire a 20% stake in Caelux. "This investment will accelerate product and technology development for Caelux, including the construction of its pilot line in the U.S., for expediting the commercial development of its technology," RIL said in a statement.

Sensex, Nifty fall 1.7%, rupee closes at a new low of 81.09 vs. dollar

U.S. Fed's sustained aggressive stance spooks market, hawkish policy bound to further slow down the global growth engine, say analysts

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices fell more than 1.7% on Friday on concerns that the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate increases may hasten FII outflows.

The S&P BSE Sensex slumped 1,020.80 points, or 1.73%, to 58,098.92. Sensex stocks which lost the most include Power Grid (7.93%), M&M (3%), State Bank (2.99%), Bajaj Finserv (2.8%), Bajaj Finance (2.78%) and NTPC (2.73%).

The NSE Nifty-50 index too slid 302.45 points, or 1.72%, to 17,327.35.

"Selling pressure was widespread wherein banking, energy and realty were among the top losers," said Ajit Mishra, VP – Research, Religare Broking Ltd. "Markets are finally witnessing pressure after showing resilience for quite some time and indications are pointing towards further decline," he added.

Vinod Nair, head of Research at Geojit Financial services said though the U.S. Fed's 75-basis point rate increase was anticipated, the sustained aggressive stance indicating 125 bps increases in the next two policy meetings by December 2022 had spooked the market.

"The rupee fell to a new low as FIIs began selling. The extended hawkish monetary policy is bound to further slow down the global growth engine," Mr. Nair said. "India is in a better position with a decoupled economy with pickup in credit growth and tax collection. However, rise in geopolitical risk and economic slowdown will affect India with a lag and weaken performance in the short-term," he added.

He said investors would keenly watch the outcome of the RBI monetary policy on September 30. "We expect the market direction will be led by global developments and FIIs' action.

"India is the most expensive stock market in the world today. Investors are advised to wait and watch until the dust settles," Mr. Nair said.

The slump in the rupee was also aided by U.S. dollar outflows following the sell-off in equities.

The Indian unit closed at 81.09 against the dollar on Friday, down 30 paise. Intraday, the rupee had sunk to 81.23. Analysts said the RBI had intervened to smoothen the fall.

Wait and watch: India is the priciest stock market today and investors must wait till the dust settles, say analysts. PAUL NORONHA

'Forex reserves decline'

India's foreign exchange reserves fell for a seventh straight week, dropping to $545.65 billion in the week to September 16, its lowest level since October 2, 2020, Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) data showed on Friday. Reserves stood at $550.87 billion at the end of the previous week.

Analysts said they believed a large part of the fall had been on account of the RBI's intervention in the currency market to prevent the rupee from depreciating more sharply against the dollar.

(With Reuters inputs)

Industry urges duty remission revamp in Foreign Trade Policy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Industry is hoping for concrete measures from the new foreign trade policy to give a fillip to India's exports amid slowing global demand, including an overhaul of the duty remission scheme introduced last year and removal of the levy of GST on global trade intermediaries.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry is expected to unveil the new policy next week as the 2015 policy, currently in operation, expires on September 30 after being extended for two and a half years.

The Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP) scheme was supposed to take care of various duties and taxes outside GST that add to the cost of exports, but is unable to do so because of various anomalies, restrictions and very low rates, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Pradeep Multani said on Friday.

The industry chamber has urged the government to consider tweaking the scheme so that exporters are specifically reimbursed on the basis of actual taxes and duties paid by them on outbound shipments.

Mr. Multani also pointed out that buying agents and consultants hired by foreign buyers are key intermediaries who facilitate exports of over a billion-plus dollars for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), but their services are being taxed at 18% under the GST Act.

"We expect removal of this GST levy as it is akin to "Export of Taxes" which is against the basic premise of the GST law as well as against the international trade practices," he said on Friday.

Pradeep Multani

'Reboot of SEIS'

Seeking a continuation of the capital goods export promotion scheme, given that engineering products have driven a large part of the uptick in exports over the past year, the PHDCCI chief also mooted a reboot of the discontinued Services Export Incentive Scheme, especially for sectors like travel, tourism and construction.

Last week, the Federation of Indian Exporters' Organisations (FIEO) sought a review of the interest equalisation benefits for exporters.

"There is an urgent need to restore the interest equalisation benefit of 5% to manufacturers in the MSME segment and 3% to all tariff lines (instead of 410 tariff lines) as cost of credit is equally adversely impacting all exporters," FIEO president A. Sakthivel had said, emphasising that credit costs for smaller players are now 10%-11%.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	58,099	-1.73
US Dollar	81.09	-0.37
Gold	50,326	-0.14
Brent oil	85.95	-4.82

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	913.60	-32.85
Apollo Hosp	4418.45	-180.45
Asian Paints	3355.25	-40.75
Axis Bank	768.60	-20.60
Bajaj Auto	3698.50	-30.00
Bajaj Finserv	1721.50	-50.45
Bajaj Finance	7507.15	-212.40
Bharti Airtel	771.35	-12.75
BPCL	311.55	-3.90
Britannia Ind	3756.70	-29.25
Cipla	1068.10	6.20
Coal India	222.85	-4.20
Divis Lab	3642.60	62.50
Dr Reddys Lab	4138.20	-43.20
Eicher Motors	3688.45	-60.30
Grasim Ind	1697.40	-35.30
HCL Tech	895.85	-1.80
HDFC	2353.25	-63.40
HDFC Bank	1446.15	-39.65
HDFC Life	538.45	-6.35
Hero MotoCorp	2762.65	-14.90
Hindalco	396.35	-15.75
Hind Unilever	2682.65	-10.70
ICICI Bank	882.25	-21.15
Indusind Bank	1180.35	-33.20
Infosys	1385.45	-2.50
ITC	346.40	1.35
JSW Steel	668.80	-10.35
Kotak Bank	1862.70	-30.05
L&T	1856.85	-31.35
M&M	1272.30	-38.10
Maruti Suzuki	9343.45	-55.40
Nestle India	18458.50	-142.40
NTPC	163.55	-4.70
ONGC	128.60	-0.05
PowerGrid Corp	202.55	-17.55
Reliance Ind	2438.50	-46.60
SBI Life	1273.00	-12.50
State Bank	550.60	-16.70
Shree Cement	21201.45	-522.05
Sun Pharma	923.10	13.10
Tata Consumer Product	781.55	-21.65
Tata Motors	423.10	-9.10
Tata Steel	104.30	0.70
TCS	2982.65	-25.35
Tech Mahindra	1035.10	-13.30
Titan	2672.45	-45.15
UltraTech Cement	6138.55	-99.45
UPL	702.85	-18.50
Wipro	394.35	-3.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 23

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	80.79	81.11
Euro	78.82	79.13
British Pound	89.26	89.64
Japanese Yen (100)	56.52	56.75
Chinese Yuan	11.34	11.39
Swiss Franc	82.25	82.58
Singapore Dollar	56.68	56.92
Canadian Dollar	59.05	59.28
Malaysian Ringgit	17.64	17.72
Australian Dollar	53.07	53.28

Source: Indian Bank

'Bank credit grew 14% in April-June quarter'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The banking system's credit growth at the end of the June quarter had accelerated to 14% compared with a year earlier, the RBI said on Friday.

The numbers based on data reported by 89 scheduled commercial banks excluding the performance of the regional rural banks are much higher than the 10.7% growth in the preceding March quarter, and 5.8% in the June 2021 quarter, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said. Growth came despite a 0.21% increase in the weighted average lending rate on outstanding loans, it said, adding that this was the first quarter of an increase after 10 successive quarters of decline.

In early May, the RBI started raising its repo rate in response to galloping inflation. Growth in personal loans at 20.8% in June 2022 drove the overall system credit growth, data showed. Credit to industry grew 7.2%, up from 4.8% a quarter earlier.

Report fraud transactions promptly, says SBI's Khara

Press Trust of India
BHOPAL

Warning against mounting cybercrime cases across the country, State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara said customers should be informed to report any unauthorised transaction immediately so that it can be checked in a timely way.

Mr. Khara urged customers to remain alert for checking the rising incidence of cybercrime cases.

'Banks likely to battle harder for deposits'

Reuters
MUMBAI

Lenders are facing tightening liquidity and rising credit demand ahead of the festival season

Indian banks may be forced to compete harder to boost deposits amid tightening liquidity and rising credit demand ahead of the festival season, analysts warned.

Indian banking system liquidity slipped into deficit for the first time in almost 40 months earlier this week, prompting the Reserve Bank of India to infuse funds into the system.

"We think the real challenge is the gap between deposit growth and loan growth, as deposit growth is weak, at 9.5% YoY – a good 600 bps below loan growth," said Suresh Ganapathy, head of financials research at Macquarie.

"Over the next few weeks, as the festive season gathers steam, liquidity will tighten further."

Nestle mulls ₹5,000-crore investment in India by 2025

Press Trust Of India
NEW DELHI

Global food and beverage conglomerate Nestle SA plans to invest ₹5,000 crore in India by 2025, CEO Mark Schneider said.

The move will help the company accelerate its core business in the country and leverage new opportunities for growth.

The investments would be in capex, new plants, acquisitions and expansion of its product portfolio.

Airbus sees India role in green plane design

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Commercial airplane maker Airbus said it would have its first zero emission (ZEROe) aircraft ready by 2035 and India would play a significant role in its design, research and development.

Siddarth Balachandran, head, Innovation & Scale, Airbus India and South Asia, said the aircraft maker would see its maiden emission-free aircraft ready in service by 2035.

"The work towards building the world's first zero-emission commercial aircraft has already begun and Airbus India is involved in the design and future development of the ZEROe aircraft," he said in an interview. The ZEROe aircraft is expected to help explore many configurations and hydrogen technologies that would shape the development of its future zero-emission aircraft.

Hydrogen propulsion would power this future aircraft, as liquid hydrogen would be used as fuel for combustion with oxygen.

Sport

Sathiyan in last four; Sharath pulls out midway through quarterfinals

K. Keerthivasan
SURAT

As expected, G. Sathiyan, the top seed of Tamil Nadu, entered the semifinals of the table tennis event of the 36th National Games here on Friday, but his Statemate and second seed Sharath Kamal pulled out, complaining of lower back pain, midway in his singles quarterfinals against West Bengal's Soumyajit Ghosh.

Sathiyan defeated local boy Manav Thakkar 11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 14-12, 13-11 in the round of eight.

On the other hand, Sharath, the Birmingham Commonwealth Games hero, was leading by two games to one, and 6-1 in the fourth when he asked for medical time out. After the physio examined him, Sharath said he could no longer continue. Soumyajit will now take on Manush Shah, seeded sixth.

Soumyajit was helped by Sharath's pull out. A.M. FARUQUI

Harmeet continued his excellent form from the team event with a clinical 11-3, 11-6, 11-2, 11-9 win over Deepit Patil of Maharashtra. Harmeet, seeded four, will now face Sathiyan in the semifinals.

The results (quarterfinals):

Men: G. Sathiyan (TN) bt Manav Thakkar (Guj) 11-7, 11-8, 8-11, 14-12, 13-11; Manush Shah (Guj) bt F.R. Snehit (TS) 3-11, 11-13, 11-7, 11-9, 12-10, 11-9; Harmeet Desai (Guj) bt Deepit Patil (Mah) 11-3, 11-6, 11-2, 11-9; Soumyajit Ghosh (WB) bt Sharath Kamal (Har) 7-11, 12-10, 11-8, 6-1 (concd.);

Women: Manika Batra (Del) bt Krittwika Sinha Roy (Guj) 11-8, 8-11, 7-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-4; Subirtha Mukherjee (WB) bt Reeth Rishya (Mah) 11-9, 12-10, 11-8, 10-12, 11-9; Diya Chitale (Mah) bt Suhana Saini (Har) 11-5, 4-11, 11-7, 3-11, 11-5, 8-11, 11-9; Sreeja Akula (TS) bt Ayhika Mukherjee (WB) 11-4, 11-6, 11-5, 11-4.

It's Knotty Dancer vs. Trafalgar

MYSURU: Knotty Dancer and Trafalgar may fight out the finish of the Maharaja's Cup (1,600m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (Sept. 24).

False rails (width about 3m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 NAINITAL PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Rudram (8) Ayaz Khan 62, 2. Like My Daddy (4) S. Qureshi 60, 3. Top News (6) Tousif 59.5, 4. Capital Gain (5) J.H. Arul 59, 5. Top Rank (10) Shreyas S 58.5, 6. Smile Around (7) G. Vivek 58, 7. I Can (9) Kiran Rai 57.5, 8. Zhu Zhu Zest (1) Adarsh 57.5, 9. Max Mueller (3) Salman K 56.5, 10. Konichiwa (11) R. Pradeep 55, 11. Sand Castles (2) Srinath 55 and 12. Regal Force (12) S. Shareef 51.5.

1. CAPITAL GAIN, 2. SAND CASTLES, 3. SMILE AROUND

2 MANDAKALLI PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30: 1. Sekhmet (6) S. John 61, 2. High Opinion (4) S. Saqlain 60, 3. Exalted Dream (5) Naveen K 59.5, 4. Love (3) Rayan 59.5, 5. Osibisa (2) G. Vivek 57.5, 6. Sally's Gift (1) Afsar Khan 56, 7. So Far (7) Angad 55.5 and 8. Swiss Bay (8) Sai Kiran 51.

1. SEKHMET, 2. OSIBISA, 3. LOVE

3 JAGANMOHANA PALACE PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. Wild Emperor (1) Srinath 60.5, 2. Unique Style (11) Jagadeesh 57, 3. Vijaya Sarathi (10) Kiran Rai 56.5, 4. Lucky Point (2) Sai Kiran 55, 5. Worldly Wise (7) Akshay K 55, 6. Abishola (9) R. Shiva K 54, 7. Break Away (5) Janardhan P 54, 8. Eco Friendly (8) M. Chandrashekar 54, 9. Republica (4) Afsar Khan 54, 10. Super Sexy (3) J.H. Arul 54 and 11. Sky Princess (–) (–) 51.

1. WILD EMPEROR, 2. WORLDLY WISE, 3. UNIQUE STYLE

4 DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 3-30: 1. Turf Legend (1) S. Qureshi 61.5, 2. King T'Chala (6) Srinath 60, 3. Eddie The Eagle (8) Hasib A 58.5, 4. Brunhild (5) S. Saqlain 58, 5. Wild Spell (11) Sai Kiran 57.5, 6. Abhinandan (7) Jagadeesh 55.5, 7. Tracer Bullet (3) Janardhan P 55.5, 8. Notoriety (10) Kiran Rai 52, 9. Michigan Melody (4) Hindu S 51, 10. Star Of Thea (2) R. Shiva K 51 and 11. O Hansini (9) S. Shareef 50.

1. MICHIGAN MELODY, 2. O HANSINI, 3. BRUNHILD

5 MAHARAJA'S CUP (1,600m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-00: 1. My Opinion (5) Akshay K 60, 2. Knotty Dancer (7) Suraj 58, 3. Bellator (3) Srinath 56, 4. Jake (6) Hindu S 56, 5. Automatic (8) Vaibhav 54, 6. Chashni (2) S. Shareef 54, 7. Havelock Cruise (4) Sai Kiran 54 and 8. Trafalgar (1) C. Umesh 54.

1. KNOTTY DANCER, 2. TRAFALGAR, 3. JAKE

6 COORG PLATE (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. D Fire (3) Shreyas S 62.5, 2. Jabbar (8) S. Saqlain 57, 3. Vijaya Miracle (7) Angad 57, 4. Country's Pace (2) Kiran Rai 55.5, 5. Spiritual Force (1) Sai Kiran 55.5, 6. N R I Level (6) Afsar Khan 53.5, 7. Fifty Grand (4) R. Shiva K 53 and 8. Surprise Package (5) Salman K 53.

1. JABBAR, 2. D FIRE, 3. SURPRISE PACKAGE

7 JAGANMOHANA PALACE PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Measure Of Time (–) (–) 62, 2. Braxton (4) S. Saqlain 60.5, 3. Kushaq (8) J.H. Arul 60.5, 4. Ansaldo (6) Kiran Rai 60, 5. Percivale (9) Santosh K 60, 6. Lucky One (1) Hasib A 59.5, 7. Je Ne Sais Quoi (7) C. Umesh 58.5, 8. Knotty Woods (2) Nazerul 58.5, 9. Windy City (5) Sai Kiran 57.5 and 10. Fleet Tactical (10) R. Shiva K 55.

1. JE NE SAIS QUOI, 2. KNOTTY WOODS, 3. KUSHAQ

Day's best: MICHIGAN MELODY

Double: JABBAR – JE NE SAIS QUOI

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Milos triumphs

MYSURU: M. Eshwer-trained Milos (Antony Raj up), won the Civil Services Trophy, the main event of the races held on Friday. The winner is owned by Manjri Horse Breed's Farm Pvt. Ltd. rep. by Mr. Pallon S. Mistry.

1. J. TYRRELL MEMORIAL PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25: SPIRITUALQUEEN (Kiran Rai) 1, News Maker (Srinath) 2, Shivalik Dhanush (Darshan) 3 and Miss China (Angad) 4. 5-1/4, 1 and 2-1/2. Im, 26.15s. ₹73 (w), 19, 13 and 31 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 81, FP: 153, Q: 54, Trinella: 1,215 and 735. Favourite: News Maker. Owner: Mr. P.T. Girish. Trainer: P.C. Tejaswi.

2. UDHAGAMANDALAM TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: D FIGHTER (Shreyas S) 1, Silver Days Again (Kiran Rai) 2, Bellissimo (Nazerul) 3 and Coorg General (J. Paswan) 4. Hd, Lnk and 1. Im, 12.25s. ₹76 (w), 14, 13 and 14 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 58, FP: 191, Q: 77, Trinella: 463 and 237. Favourite: Silver Days Again. Owner: Mr. Dayananda B.M. Trainer: Vishal Yadav.

3. UDHAGAMANDALAM TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: CLEVER HANS (Hindu S) 1, Anakin (S. Saqlain) 2, Pinnacle Point (Antony) 3 and Benediction (C. Umesh) 4. 1, 5-1/4 and 2-3/4. Im, 11.67s. ₹18 (w), 12, 15 and 11 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 40, FP: 59, Q: 69, Trinella: 117 and 44. Favourite: Clever Hans. Owner: Kunal Gupta Stud Farm LLP rep by. Mr. Kunal Gupta. Trainer: B. Prithviraj.

4. CIVIL SERVICES TROPHY (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): MILOS (Antony) 1, O Kanhaya (Srinath) 2, Eye The Mind (Janardhan P) 3 and Meadow Flower (Sai Kiran) 4. Not run: Against All Odds. 1/2, 3-1/4 and 2. Im, 25.61s. ₹27 (w), 14, 11 and 14 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 25, FP: 52, Q: 18, Trinella: 90 and 55. Favourite: O Kanhaya. Owner: Manjri Horse Breed's Farm Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. Pallon S Mistry. Trainer: M. Eshwer.

5. NAGALAND PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over: MEMORITER (S. Saqlain) 1, Fernet Branca (J.H. Arul) 2, Lovely Thoughts (L.A. Rozario) 3 and Athulya (M. Prabhakaran) 4. Not run: Osiris. 1-3/4, 6-3/4 and 2-1/4. Im, 23.82s. ₹21 (w), 12, 11 and 13 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 52, FP: 92, Q: 37, Trinella: 158 and 43. Exacta: 484 and 166. Favourite: Memoriter. Owner: Mr. S.T. Kalappa. Trainer: Azhar Ali.

6. UDHAGAMANDALAM TROPHY (DIV. III), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: THE KING N I (R. Pradeep) 1, Altair (G. Vivek) 2, Able One (B. Paswan) 3 and Royal Command (Kiran Rai) 4. Not run: Think N Fly. 1-1/2, 4-1/2 and 4. Im, 14.05s. ₹18 (w), 12, 12 and 15 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 36, FP: 87, Q: 28, Trinella: 93 and 39, Exacta: 420 and 180. Favourite: The King N I. Owner: Mr. Dinesh Kumar. K. Trainer: Warren Singh.

Jackpot: ₹5,071 (42 tkts.); Runner-up: 377 (242 tkts.); Treble (i): 522 (carried over); (ii): 423 (eight tkts.).

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GENERAL

World Cup winner Kaka to make marathon debut in Berlin

Former FIFA World Cup-winning footballer Kaka will make his debut at the Berlin Marathon on Sunday. Kaka, who played for Real Madrid and AC Milan before retiring in 2017, said his father's struggle with Covid-19 had inspired him to run the marathon. "I want to run around 3 hours, 40 minutes," said the Brazilian.

GOLF

USA firmly in the lead against Internationals in Presidents Cup

The U.S. Team jumped out to a 4-1 lead over the International Team on the first day of the Presidents Cup on Thursday at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte. The Americans are huge favourites with 10 of the world's 16 top-ranked players to none for an International roster decimated by defections to the LIV Golf Series.

CRICKET

Brook and Duckett help England thump Pakistan in third T20I

Ben Duckett and Harry Brook smashed half-centuries as England scored a 63-run win over Pakistan in the third T20I on Friday. **The scores:** England 221/3 in 20 overs (Harry Brook 81 n.o., Ben Duckett 69 n.o., Will Jacks 40) bt Pakistan 158/8 in 20 overs (Shan Masood 65 n.o., Mark Wood 3/24).

FORMULA ONE

Nicholas Latifi to part ways with Williams at the end of 2022

Nicholas Latifi will part ways with Williams at the end of the 2022 season at the conclusion of the Canadian driver's current contract, the Formula One team announced on Friday. After confirming that Alex Albon will continue for next year and beyond, Williams said it would announce its full 2023 driver line-up in due course.

Rohit's blitzkrieg complements Axar's spell as India pulls level

Wade's dazzling, unbeaten 43 and Zampa's triple strike go in vain for Australia in the second T20I reduced to an eight-a-side shootout due to a wet outfield; Bumrah shows encouraging signs on his comeback; Karthik provides the winning punch

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Ashwin Achal
NAGPUR

Rohit Sharma (46 n.o., 20b, 4x4, 4x6) and Axar Patel (two for 13) scripted a six-wicket win for India against Australia in the second T20I here on Friday. The victory helped the Men in Blue level the three-match series 1-1.

The outing was reduced to an eight-over-per-side shootout as the start was delayed due to a wet outfield. The full house at the VCA Stadium (Jamtha) was naturally disappointed with the long wait, given that there was no rain around.

Surprising

The venue had witnessed showers a full day earlier, so it was surprising that the outfield could not be readied in time for action.

The deep third-man area, when bowling from the pavilion end, was the worst affected spot. The umpires K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan and Nitin Menon made three inspections before deciding that it was safe to play.

After being put in to bat, Australia posted a fighting 90 for five. Matthew Wade (43 n.o., 20b, 4x4, 3x6) was the best batter on view.

Wade took a liking to Harshal Patel, hitting the pacer for three sixes in the last over.

Left-arm spinner Axar was exceptional, conceding just 13 runs in his two overs. Axar was rewarded for accuracy, as he castled middle-order batters Glenn Maxwell and Tim David. Both batters cleared their front legs to slog, but failed to make contact.

Leading the charge: Rohit guided the Men in Blue past the finish line with an unbeaten 46. K.R. DEEPAK

There were encouraging signs for Jasprit Bumrah, who made his comeback from injury. Save for a couple of full tosses, Bumrah was on target. A searing, unplayable yorker was far too good for captain Aaron Finch, who lost his leg-stump before he could even bring his bat down.

India's reply began brightly, with openers Rohit Sharma and K.L. Rahul smashing fast bowler Josh Hazlewood for 20 runs in the first over.

Leg-spinner Adam Zampa then ran riot, taking out Rahul (10), Virat Kohli (11) and Suryakumar Yadav (0) in quick succession.

Zampa gave the visitors some hope, but Rohit was around to keep India in front. With nine needed off the last over, Dinesh Karthik stepped up to the plate to hammer a six off the first ball he faced. A crisp pull for four next up put an end to the contest.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA
Aaron Finch b Bumrah 31 *(15b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Cameron Green run out 5 *(4b, 1x4)*, Glenn Maxwell b Axar 0 *(1b)*, Tim David b Axar 2 *(3b)*, Matthew Wade (not out) 43 *(20b, 4x4, 3x6)*, Steve Smith run out 8 *(5b, 1x4)*; Extras (w-1): 1; Total (for five wkts. in 8 overs): 90.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-14 (Green, 1.3 overs), 2-19 (Maxwell, 1.6), 3-31 (David, 3.1), 4-46 (Finch, 4.6), 5-90 (Smith, 7.6).

INDIA BOWLING
Hardik 1-0-10-0, Axar 2-0-13-2, Chahal 1-0-12-0, Bumrah 2-0-23-1, Harshal 2-0-32-0.

INDIA
K.L. Rahul b Zampa 10 *(6b, 1x6)*, Rohit Sharma (not out) 46 *(20b, 4x4, 4x6)*, Virat Kohli b Zampa 11 *(6b, 2x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav lbw b Zampa 0 *(1b)*, Hardik Pandya c Finch b Cummins 9 *(9b, 1x4)*, Dinesh Karthik (not out) 10 *(2b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (b-1, lb-1, w-4): 6; Total (for four wkts. in 7.2 overs): 92.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-39 (Rahul, 2.5), 2-55 (Kohli, 4.2), 3-55 (Suryakumar, 4.3), 4-77 (Hardik, 6.5).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Hazlewood 1-0-20-0, Cummins 2-0-23-1, Zampa 2-0-16-3, Sams 1.2-0-20-0, Abbott 1-0-11-0.

Toss: India.
Man-of-the-Match: Rohit.
India won by six wickets with four balls remaining to level the three-match series 1-1.
Third T20I: Sept. 25, Hyderabad.

> Both teams played this game for the city of Nagpur. They deserved it as they came to the ground in big numbers
> DINESH KARTHIK

Jhulan runs in to deliver the final ball of a long and illustrious career

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Jhulan Goswami's long, long spell will finally come to an end at Lord's on Saturday.

She would have loved to have played her last international match on her home ground, the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. She, however, has the consolation of playing at Lord's, the home of cricket.

"Lord's is special for every cricketer and I am happy," Jhulan said on the eve of India's final ODI match against England. "Unfortunately we didn't have any ODI series at home before the T20 World Cup (so I could not have my last game in India)."

India having won the series – thanks in no small measure to the stunning 143 not out off 111 balls by captain Harmanpreet Kaur in the second game at Canterbury – the spotlight will be firmly on Saturday on Jhulan. Deservedly so!

The 39-year-old seamer will be keen to add to her impressive tally of 253 WODI wickets – more than anybody else – especially after failing to take one at Canterbury. "It is important for me to finish this tour on a high note," she said.

"(Saturday's) is an important game for us and we want to continue to play the way we did in the last two matches."

Proudest moment

Looking back at her long career, she said her proudest moment was playing her first game for India, against England at Chennai, in 2002.

"Coming out of the dressing room, walking onto the ground and singing the National Anthem, wearing the India jersey – those have been the best moments of my career," she said.

Special last hurrah: After a remarkable journey, Jhulan gets the honour of bidding goodbye at the 'Mecca of Cricket'. GETTY IMAGES

"I have always enjoyed those moments. And I am going to miss all that."

Her only regret has been not winning the World Cup. "I played in two finals," she said.

"It would have been great if we could have won one of those."

The teams (from):

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, S. Meghana, Deepti Sharma, Yastika Bhatia (wk), Pooja Vastrakar, Sneh Rana, Renuka Thakur, Meghna Singh, Rajeshwan Gayakwad, Harleen Deol, D. Hemalatha, Simran Dil Bahadur, Jhulan Goswami, Taniyaa Bhatia and Jemimah Rodrigues.

England: Amy Jones (Capt. and wk), Tammy Beaumont, Lauren Bell, Maia Bouchier, Alice Capsey, Kate Cross, Freya Davies, Alice Davidson-Richards, Charlie Dean, Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone, Freya Kemp, Issy Wong and Danni Wyatt.
Match starts at 3.30 p.m. IST.

Throwback

Moment frozen in time: On this date 15 years ago, M.S. Dhoni led India to a memorable triumph in a thrilling maiden ICC World T20 final against Pakistan in Johannesburg. Batting first, India scored 157 for five with opener Gautam Gambhir contributing 75. In reply, Pakistan was bowled out for 152 in the 20th over. All-rounder Irfan Pathan, who finished with three for 16, will remember this day forever as he was declared the Player-of-the-final. GETTY IMAGES

Dilip Tirkey elected new HI president

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Former India captain Dilip Tirkey, who was the frontrunner for the post of Hockey India president, was elected unopposed for the top job on Friday.

Hockey India elections were scheduled to be held on October 1 but the results were declared in advance as there were no contestants for any of the posts, paving the way for the incumbent candidates to be elected unopposed as per the federation's Constitution.

Tirkey was elected after Uttar Pradesh Hockey chief Rakesh Katyal and Hockey Jharkhand's Bhola Nath Singh, who were in the fray for the president's post, withdrew their nominations on Friday. Bhola Nath has been elected unopposed as secretary general.

Dilip Tirkey.

McEnroe upbeat on future despite Federer, Serena exit

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

John McEnroe says Roger Federer and Serena Williams are "irreplaceable" but that tennis "goes on no matter what" as the Swiss prepares to play his final match on Friday.

McEnroe, who is captain of Team World, admitted the sport would miss the two players but is optimistic about the future, just weeks after 19-year-old Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz won the US Open.

"These two players are irreplaceable," he said. "I don't think there is any question about that."

The show will go on: McEnroe admitted the sport would miss Serena and Federer, but is optimistic about the future. AFP

But he added: "The sport goes on no matter what, and we have witnessed that in every sport over time.

"The opportunity is there to market these young kids in a way that I don't think we have successfully done before."

INBRIEF

Ruhaan to participate in FDA selection programme

Bengaluru teenager Ruhaan Alva has been chosen to participate in the 2022 Ferrari Driver Academy (FDA) selection programme at the Sepang International Circuit, Malaysia, from Sept. 26 to 28. The 16-year old, who is supported by JK Tyre, is the only Indian to be chosen for the Asia-Pacific and Oceania regional selection programme which will be attended by 24 drivers from seven countries in the 14-17 years age-group. At the end of the session, two drivers may be possibly selected to attend the FDA's Scouting World Finals in Maranello, Italy, where they will compete with drivers from other regions in a bid for a potential place in the FDA for 2023.

Arjun moves into semifinals; Praggnanandhaa falls

Arjun Erigaisi needed a victory in the blitz segment to overpower 15-year-old Christopher Yoo (USA) 3.5-2.5 to advance to the semifinals of the $150,000 Julius Baer Generation Cup online rapid chess tournament on Thursday. Arjun will take on Vietnam's Le Quang Liem. Vincent Keymer defeated R. Praggnanandhaa 3-1 to set up a clash with Norway's Magnus Carlsen.

The results: Quarterfinals (rapid): Carlsen (Nor) bt Aronian (USA) 3-1; Keymer (Ger) bt Praggnanandhaa 3-1; Liem (Vie) bt Niemann (USA) 2.5-1.5; Arjun drew with Yoo 2-2; (blitz) Arjun bt Yoo 1.5-0.5.

Sasikumar loses to top seed Thompson

Sasikumar Mukund was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by top seed Jordan Thompson of Australia in the pre-quarterfinals of the $45,730 Challenger tennis tournament in the Columbus, USA.

Other results: €92,742 WTA, Budapest: Quarterfinals: Anna Bondar (Hun) & Kimberley Zimmermann (Bel) bt Ingrid Gamarra Martins (Bra) & Prarthana Thombare 0-6, 6-4, [10-7].

€45,730 Challenger, Sibiu, Romania: Pre-quarterfinals: Zvonimir Babic (Cro) & Kai Wehnelt (Ger) bt Arjun Kadhe & Fernando Romboli (Bra) 5-7, 7-5, [10-3].
$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Quarterfinals: Yasmin Mansouri (Fra) bt Jennifer Luikham 6-2, 6-2; Pre-quarterfinals: Jennifer bt Elena Jamshidi (Den) 6-4, 6-3.

Jaiswal puts West in command

The southpaw's unbeaten double ton and Shreyas' 71 take team to 376 for three for an overall lead of 319 with seven wickets in hand on day three

DULEEP TROPHY

S. Dinakar
COIMBATORE

Welcome to the old school of Bombay batting. Here the opposition is made to fret, sweat and tear its hair in frustration as fruitless overs and sessions pass by.

On Friday, we witnessed grinding with a twist as the left-handed Yashasvi Jaiswal not only shut one end up but conjured some stupendous strokes to progress to a memorable unbeaten 209 (244b, 23x4, 3x6). There was a barrage of strokes from cuts and pulls to cover-drives and whips. The fielders chased leather.

Dominant show: Jaiswal sent the South Zone bowlers on a leather hunt. M. PERIASAMY

Onslaught

Jaiswal waltzed to his hundred in 119 balls, and 200 arrived in 235 balls. After each milestone, he lifted his arms in triumph. What an onslaught!

And West, having conceded a lead of 57, was 376 for three – ahead by 319 – at stumps on the third day of the Duleep Trophy final at the Sri Ramakrishna College grounds here on Friday.

South's relief at a wicket was such that off-spinner K. Gowtham, after dismissing Ajinkya Rahane with one that came in with the arm, celebrated like a man who has just discovered an oasis in a desert.

Simply put, it was West's day. The 110-run opening partnership between the left-right combination of Jaiswal and Priyank Panchal (40) not only wiped off the deficit of 57 but built a solid platform for West.

South's new-ball attack struggled on a pitch that had settled down.

Among the spinners, Sai Kishore must learn to deceive the batters in flight when the pitch offers little. And Gowtham's line was rather leg-stumpish which made him a reduced threat.

Jaiswal took full toll. The left-hander timed the ball sweetly through the gaps.

Gowtham could have scalped Jaiswal (on 62) but 'keeper Ricky Bhui dropped the edge as the batter attempted a cut.

Rahane did not last long and Shreyas Iyer, after surviving a barrage of short-pitched balls from Basil Thampi, played some charming shots on both sides.

The left-right combination of Jaiswal and Shreyas (71, 113b, 4x4, 2x6) – the latter fell miscuing Sai to covers – added 169 for the third wicket in 213 balls.

In the morning, South's innings lasted just 2.1 overs and the impressive left-arm seamer Jaydev Unadkat finished with four wickets.

Then Jaiswal held the centrestage.

The scores:
West Zone — 1st innings: 270.
South Zone — 1st innings: Rohan Kunnummal c Het b Unadkat 31, Mayank Agarwal c Jaiswal b Sheth 9, Hanuma Vihari lbw b Sheth 25, B. Indrajith c Mulani b Unadkat 118, Manish Pandey b Kotian 48, Ricky Bhui c Jaiswal b Unadkat 4, Ravi Teja c Rahane b Gaja 34, K. Gowtham c Unadkat b Sheth 43, R. Sai Kishore lbw b Gaja 6, Basil Thampi lbw b Unadkat 1, C. Stephen (not out) 0; Extras (b-8): 8; Total (in 83.1 overs): 327.

Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-40, 3-101, 4-206, 5-236, 6-243, 7-305, 8-318, 9-327.
West Zone bowling: Unadkat 19-5-52-3, Gaja 9.1-4-33-2, Sheth 14-4-51-3, Kotian 27-2-110-1, Mulani 14-0-73-0.
West Zone — 2nd innings: Yashasvi Jaiswal (batting) 209, Priyank Panchal c Gowtham b Sai Kishore 40, Ajinkya Rahane lbw b Gowtham 15, Shreyas Iyer c Ravi Teja b Sai Kishore 71, Sarfaraz Khan (batting) 30; Extras (b-5, lb-1, nb-4, w-1): 11; Total (for three wkts. in 85 overs): 376.
Fall of wickets: 1-110, 2-149, 3-318.
South Zone bowling: Thampi 9-1-67-0, Stephen 6-0-27-0, Ravi Teja 7-0-26-0, Gowtham 33-1-139-1, Sai Kishore 27-5-100-2, Kunnummal 1-0-4-0, Mayank 1-0-4-0, Vihari 1-0-3-0.

LIVE TELECAST

Duleep Trophy: final, day four, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
England Women vs India Women: 3rd ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Laver Cup: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5 p.m. onwards
Nations League: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Thoi scores two in Bengaluru FC's big win over MEG & Center FC

Thoi Singh scored a brace as Bengaluru FC blanked MEG & Center FC 4-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football on Friday.
The results: BFC 4 (Sudheer Kotikela 36, Huidrom Thoi Singh 61 & 69, D. Lyngdoh 67) bt MEG & Center FC 0; ASC & Center FC 1 (Wahengbam Niraj Singh 66) drew with BUFC 1 (A. Belack 89). Sporting Club Bengaluru 3 (Koussai Bernard Yaso 16, Allen Lyngdoh Nongbri 60, Shanid Valan 86) bt FC Deccan 0.
On Thursday: FC Bengaluru United 5 (Irfan Yadwad 3, 26, Jairo Rodrigues 7, Shajan Franklin 79, Chester Poul Lyngdoh 65) bt Young Challengers FC 0
Roots FC 2 bt Kodagu FC 0 (HAC Ahmed Shahib 50 & 59).

Nishalia nets for Misaka United against Parikram Women's FC

Nishalia's 41st-minute strike gave Misaka United FC a narrow 1-0 win over Parikram Women's FC in the Karnataka Women's League football on Thursday.

Delightful double for Kaajal; Chandan wins boys' singles

Kaajal Ramisetty won the girls' singles and doubles titles in the Tennis360 AITA CS7 U-18 tennis tournament.
The results (finals):
Singles: Boys: Chandan Shivaraj bt Mandeep Reddy Kudumala 7-5, 6-0.
Girls: Kaajal Ramisetty bt Hridayeshi B. Pai 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
Doubles: Boys: Arjun Premkumar & Arjun Jitendar bt Anoop Keshavamurthy & V. Thirumurugan 6-2, 2-6, [10-8].
Girls: Kaajal Ramisetty & Hridayeshi B. Pai bt Afsha Ahmed & Shriyaa Sai 6-2, 6-3.

Gowtham slams century to help Mysore take first innings lead

Gowtham Sagar's 118 (10x4, 4x6) helped Mysore Zone gain the vital first innings lead and points in the drawn two-day game against Tumkur in the S.A. Srinivasan Memorial u-25 tournament at Mandya on Wednesday and Thursday.
The scores:
At Mandya: Tumkur Zone 243 in 77.2 overs (K.B. Shreyas 104 n.o., V.N. Sanjay 81, L.R. Kumar 3/28, L. Saishiv Narayan 3/66, J. Mahendra Kumar 3/39) drew with Mysore Zone 427/8 in 90 overs (Gowtham Sagar 118, L. Saishiv Narayan 82, K.S. Lankesh 70, L.R. Kumar 60, B. Dheemanth 33, T. Chiranjeevi 3/104).

At Mysore: Shimoga Zone 316 in 81 overs (S. Mubarak 93, Abu 58, R. Koushik 42, A.S. Karna 26, V. Smayan Srivasta 3/77, Milind Mali 3/57) drew with Vice-President's XI 473/6 in 90 overs (N.A. Chinmay 90, Lochan S. Gowda 67, Faizan Khan 67, Milind Mali 63, Smayan Srivasta 58, G. Aneeshwar 47).

Secretary's XI 244 in 62.3 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 77, Vinay N. Sagar 65, Sai Susheel Reddy 30, Pradyumna Srivatsa 5/77) & 87/3 in 39 overs (Vinay N. Sagar 32) drew with Combined City XI 187 in 60.4 overs (K. Rakshith 45, Amod S. Kaluve 44, S.S.G. Rohiet 4/38, S. Punith 5/26).

Triumphant: Kaajal and Chandan with their reward.
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